

SC XVIII – 5th Meeting (videoconference)

9 – 10 March 2021

Decision Sheet

(Due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and disruptions to international travels, the SC18-5th meeting was once again organized via videoconference in two three-hour sessions.)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Standing Commission

- warmly welcomed Ms Niamh Lawless as the new ex-officio member representing the IFRC; Ms Lawless is IFRC Under Secretary General - Management Policy, Strategy and Corporate Services.
- expressed its gratitude to Jagan Chapagain for his invaluable contribution to the work of the Commission as an ex-officio member since his appointment as IFRC Secretary General, and previously as a substitute member.
- approved the proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-5 (REV1) as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the videoconference meeting SC 18-4, 8-9 December 2020.

2. COUNCIL OF DELEGATES 2021: TOWARDS AN AGENDA

a) Decision on dates and format

The Standing Commission,

recalling its responsibility to select the place and dates for the Council of Delegates, and its prior acceptance of the offer of the Dominican Red Cross to host that meeting in Punta Cana in December 2021,

deeply concerned about the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and the poor prospects for normalization in the short term, which make it highly unlikely that large-scale, in-person international meetings can take place safely in 2021,

considering the statutory, security and practical requirements that apply to the Council of Delegates, first and foremost the organizers' duty of care towards all participants, volunteers and staff, as well as the need to guarantee equality for the Movement's components in exercising their right to participate in debates and help take decisions in either a face-to-face or online format,

taking note of the various alternative options for the organization of the upcoming Council of Delegates,

considering significant technological and practical challenges that would currently make it very difficult to ensure all Movement components fair and equitable access to global meetings conducted online,

recalling that beyond the adoption of resolutions, statutory meetings provide a valued forum for promoting a strong Red Cross and Red Crescent community, in particular by fostering unity, good relationships, cooperation, alliances and mutual trust among components and individuals,

stressing its wish to observe as far as possible the principle and practice of concomitant organization of the IFRC General Assembly and Council of Delegates and to reach coordinated decisions together with the IFRC on the place and dates of the next meetings,

1. *declares* that the present exceptional circumstances do not meet the requirements for participant safety and full respect for the statutory rights of the Movement's components during the next Council of Delegates – were it to be held in December 2021, whatever the format;
2. *decides* to postpone the Council of Delegates to a more appropriate time in 2022, in line with the IFRC's decision to postpone the 23rd session of its General Assembly;
3. *agrees* to continue monitoring the health situation and the prospects for safely holding the Council of Delegates and to reach a decision at the earliest opportunity – at least nine months before the opening of the Council – on its dates, format and venue, in coordination with the IFRC's decision for its General Assembly;
4. *encourages* the organization, in the last quarter of 2021, of a global online event highlighting the Movement's common position on pandemics and climate change.

b) Review of topics for the Council's agenda

- Concept note: feedback from National Societies
- Review of proposed topics (resolutions and events) and orientations for prioritization

The Standing Commission,

- took note of the results of the consultations with National Societies on the concept paper and the progress in the on-going preparatory work for the next Council of Delegates, including the distinction between topics requiring decisions by the Council and those proposed for exploratory discussions in a less formal format.
- encouraged the co-organisers to explore ways to strengthen the Movement components, especially with National Societies, in the consultations concerning the Council of Delegates and to continue their efforts in preparing the agenda and working documents to better cluster and prioritize the topics to be addressed.
- supported the proposal that the Movement should highlight a strong and strategic position on pandemics and climate change at the next Council of Delegates and ahead of it at the end of 2021 in the event of the Council postponement to 2022.

c) Update on 33rd and 34th International Conference

- Status of the 2019 resolutions
- Communication with States

3. UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR THE MOVEMENT AND FOLLOW-UPS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE STANDING COMMISSION

a) MoU/AOA between MDA and PRCS

The Standing Commission took note of the report of the ICRC and IFRC on the follow-up to Resolution 10 of the Council of Delegates on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

b) Collective impact of the Movement, review/update of Seville Agreement & Supplementary Measures (SA/SM), SMCC 2.0

The Standing Commission took note of the direction of the ongoing work on the Collective Impact and SA/SM review process and the comments of its members which the Chair will be able to share with the Movement Advisory Group at its third meeting on 25 March.

c) Implementation of the Movement Integrity Statement

The Standing Commission took note of the delays in the implementation process of the 2019 Movement Integrity Statement, including the establishment - expected in the coming weeks - of a Movement Steering Group in which the Commission's Vice Chair will participate. The group should speed up its work and focus on the action plan and priorities for implementation of the Statement.

d) Inclusive visual identity for the Movement Statutory Bodies

e) Other updates as relevant

The Standing Commission thanked the IFRC and the ICRC for providing an overview of the Movement's global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and particularly commended the IFRC for the recent launch of its 12-month report on COVID-19.

4. MOVEMENT AWARDS (HENRY DUNANT MEDAL & RCRC PRIZE FOR PEACE & HUMANITY)

a) Nomination Review process for the 2021 Henry Dunant Medal

b) Next steps for the reform of the Regulations of the Henry Dunant Medal & RCRC Prize for Peace & Humanity

The Standing Commission

- adopted the terms of reference of the Joint Nomination Review Group established to assist the Standing Commission in the process of awarding the Henry Dunant Medal (HDM) and the RC/RC Prize for Peace and Humanity (PPH).
- adopted the terms of reference of the Advisory Group on the Movement Awards to be established to advise the Standing Commission on the preparation of a reform of the 1965 HDM Regulations and 1987 PPH Regulations with a view to be submitted to the next Council of Delegates.

5. MOVEMENT STATUTORY AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

6. FINANCE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING