

SC XVIII – 7th Meeting (videoconference)

12-14 October 2021

Decision Sheet

(Due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and disruptions to international travels, the SC18-7th meeting was once again organized via videoconference in two three-hour sessions.)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Standing Commission

- approved the proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-7 (REV1) as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the videoconference meeting SC 18-6, 29-30 June 2021, including one amendment in section 3.a.

2. PREPARATION OF THE 2022 COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

2.1. Organizational arrangements

Owing to exceptional circumstances, the Standing Commission,

- noted the decision of the IFRC Governing Board of 4 October 2021 to modify the venue of the 23rd General Assembly, “to hold [it] in [the northern hemisphere] spring 2022 in a location [and at dates] to be determined [...], based on an assessment that should take place within the next month” and to exceptionally limit in-person participation of National Societies to two members only per delegation.
- decided to align its position for the organization of the Council of Delegates, which normally meets on the occasion of each session of the General Assembly (art. 15.1. of the Statutes of the International Movement of the RC/RC).
- entrusted its Chair to liaise with the IFRC President on the outcome of the assessment, to consult with other members as appropriate and to decide on the venue and dates of the Council of Delegates in 2022.
- **[decision of 16 November subsequent to the meeting]** decided to convene the Council of Delegates in Geneva (Switzerland) from 22 to 23 June 2022, after the 23rd session of the IFRC General Assembly which would be convened by the IFRC in the same place from 19 to 21 June 2022.
- expressed its deep gratitude to the leaders, volunteers and staff of the Dominican Red Cross for their perseverance and enthusiastic dedication in offering to host the Movement’s statutory meetings and sought their understanding of the exceptional circumstances that led to the decision to relocate the Council of Delegates.
- confirmed its previous decision (SC18-6) to hold the next Council of Delegates in a hybrid format, including an in-person plenary meeting to cover the official agenda and decisions of the Council, preceded by a programme of virtual/online workshops.
- agreed with the principle of opening the online workshop programme to all Red Cross / Red Crescent leaders, volunteers and staff, with possible exceptions when organizers plan to have smaller group work or invite speakers and guests from outside the Movement.
- agreed with the principle of strictly reducing to two the number of each National Society delegates and to ten the number of ICRC and IFRC delegates allowed to attend in person the plenary meeting of the

Council of Delegates. These numbers could be increased if the improved health situation and logistical conditions allow. Additional delegates would be able to register for the Council of Delegates and participate online, but only delegates present in person would be allowed to take part in the debates and votes on resolutions. Exceptionally, delegates from National Societies who would be unable to attend in person could be allowed by the Chair of the Council to speak online upon request prior to the opening of the relevant session.

- agreed with the proposal to invite observers to the Council of Delegates to participate in the plenary meeting with a limitation of only one delegate present in person, as well as in the online workshop programme without any particular restriction.
- agreed with the proposal to keep holding an awards ceremony at the 2022 statutory meetings, preferably in the presence of the Henry Dunant Medal recipients. The ceremony would be organized jointly with the IFRC for the presentation of its awards.

2.2. Programme of [online] workshops (Jan.-Apr. 2022)

The Standing Commission,

- endorsed the revised programme of workshops to be held online from January to April 2022 and requested the addition of two workshops dedicated to investing in National Society capacity and implementing the Movement's Integrity Statement (titles, focuses and organization details to be defined).

2.3. Review of proposed resolutions and agenda items

The Standing Commission

- welcomed the presentation of the following seven draft zero resolutions and agreed that they be shared with the National Societies for consultation at the time of sending the convocation and the draft provisional agenda of the Council of Delegates:
 - A Movement approach to ensuring patient safety and quality of care,
 - Movement Restoring Family Links medal,
 - Strengthening anticipatory humanitarian action in the Movement: Our way forward,
 - Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward,
 - War in cities,
 - Towards a Movement strategy on migration,
 - Working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons.
- Welcomed the updates provided by the ICRC and IFRC on:
 - the ongoing process to enhance the collective impact of the Movement and to review the Seville Agreement and the Supplementary Measures, with an agreement on the item 13 to be incorporated into the draft provisional agenda of the Council of Delegates: *Review of the Seville Agreement and its Supplementary Measures to enhance the collective impact of the Movement*.
 - developments regarding the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations, its presentation to the next Council of Delegates for adoption, the work of the Planet:Red Virtual Movement Summit (12-14 October 2021) and the representation of the Movement at the COP26 Conference (31 October - 12 November 2021).
 - the implementation of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on Operational Arrangements between Magen David Adom (MDA) in Israel and the Palestine Red Cross Society (PRCS), including the interim report of the Independent Monitor soon to be sent to the Movement (on 15 October 2021).
- The Commission agreed that Article 10.7 of the Statutes of the Movement would allow the Council of Delegates to establish a new medal, such as the Movement Restoring Family Links medal, and enact its regulations, particularly in the light of concurring resolutions of the International Conference which transferred to the Council of Delegates the responsibility to receive reports and/or revise regulations relating to other Movement awards, medals and funds.

2.4. Approval of the draft provisional agenda and programme

The Standing Commission

- approved the draft provisional agenda and programme of the Council of Delegates (as revised), which would be finalized according to the confirmed date and venue of the Council of Delegates and then sent to National Societies for consultation together with the notice of convocation.
- congratulated the Joint Organising Committee on the quality of the documents submitted to it in preparation for the Council of Delegates.

3. REVISION OF THE MOVEMENT AWARDS REGULATIONS

- i. Report on the work and recommendations of the Advisory Group on Movement Awards Regulations
- ii. Review of the proposed resolution and revised regulations

The Standing Commission

- congratulated the Advisory Group on Movement Awards and its Chairperson for the work carried out since June 2021 and the presentation of its activity report and its recommendations and proposals.
- endorsed the following four recommendations proposed by the Advisory Group:
 1. to complete its reform of the Movement's awards with a revision of both Regulations for the Henry Dunant Medal (HDM) and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity (PPH), and submit the revised versions of both regulations to the next Council of Delegates, in 2022, for approval;
 2. as part of the revision of both the HDM and the PPH Regulations, to edit the texts, incorporate into them key elements from the 2020 guidelines relating to eligibility requirements, diversity, inclusion and integrity, and align their nomination processes;
 3. not to expand the Movement's existing awards to include persons or organizations outside the Movement but to keep reserving these awards to the Movement's members and organizations only;
 4. to convey to the Council of Delegates the importance of promoting access by all Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers and staff, not only to the Movement's awards but also to awards and tributes established by the components of the Movement, the development of which should be encouraged as a major source of motivation, recognition and inspiration.
- approved the inclusion in the draft provisional agenda of the 2022 Council of Delegates of an item 14 *Revision of the regulations for the Henry Dunant Medal and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity*.
- approved the amended draft zero resolution and the two revised draft Regulations for the HDM and the PPH for consultation with the Movement with a view to their consolidation and submission to the next Council of Delegates.

4. HENRY DUNANT MEDAL 2021/22

In recognition of their outstanding services and act of great devotion to the cause of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Standing Commission unanimously decided to award the Henry Dunant Medal for 2022 to (*in alphabetical order*):

- Mr Mohamed Ghanem El Ali El Maadheed, from Qatar
- Mr Philippe Gaillard, from Switzerland
- Mr Tadateru Konoe, from Japan
- Ms Ligia Leroux de Ramirez, from the Dominican Republic (posthumous)
- Ms Christine Lightbourne, from the Bahamas
- Mr Manuel Salazar Alvarez, from Costa Rica
- Mr Ivan Usichenko, from Ukraine (posthumous)

The Standing Commission expressed its gratitude to the Nomination Review Group for its efforts in preparing the call for nominations for the Henry Dunant Medal 2021, reviewing the nominations and preparing the files submitted to the Commission.

5. FINANCE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

The Standing Commission

- approved its provisional budget of CHF 584,000 in 2022 and sets its target for contributions of CHF 194,700 from National Societies (voluntary contributions), the IFRC and the ICRC respectively.
- noted the significant reduction in the Commission's expenses foreseen in its 2021 budget owing to the impossibility for the Commission to meet in person this year and the postponement of the Council of Delegates to 2022, and the implementation of measures to reduce requests for contributions from the components of the Movement.