

SC XVIII – 8th Meeting

11-12 April 2022
Geneva

Decision Sheet

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING: WELCOME AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Standing Commission

- approved the proposed Agenda for the meeting SC 18-8 as circulated.
- adopted the minutes of the videoconference meeting SC 18-7, 12-14 October 2021.

2. ICRC/IFRC UPDATES ON MOVEMENT-WIDE OPERATIONS AND AFFAIRS

The Standing Commission

- expressed its deep concern and solidarity with the ICRC and the components of the Movement affected by recent cyber-attacks and campaigns of misinformation, disinformation and hate speech, which have become part of current warfare strategies and which the Movement should collectively address both in its forthcoming statutory meetings and in its public positioning and communication when the principles of international humanitarian law and of neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian action are deliberately targeted; in the face of major new humanitarian crises that are mobilising attention and resources, the Movement also has a responsibility to restore a degree of equity so that other crises with dramatic humanitarian consequences in other regions are not forgotten (protracted conflicts and crises; acute food insecurity; immediate consequences of drought and climate change).
- expressed the wish that a united Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement statement addressing some of these critical concerns could first take the form of a joint statement by the three presidents of the ICRC, IFRC and the Standing Commission, with appropriate public communication (e.g., press release) and which could be endorsed as a resolution of the Council of Delegates.

3. PREPARATION OF THE 2022 COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

3.1. Update on the programme of online workshops (Jan.-May 2022)

The Standing Commission welcomed the update on the nine online workshops on the Council of Delegates programme, four of which have already been successfully held since January 2022.

3.2. Organizational arrangements for CoD plenary meeting

The Standing Commission,

- noted the latest developments regarding in-person and online participation of members, observers and guests of the Council of Delegates, and entrusted the Chair to liaise with the IFRC leadership in order to maintain alignment and consistency in the rules for in-person representation of National Societies at the Council of Delegates and the General Assembly.
- endorsed the proposal to split the previously joint ceremonies due to particular organisational constraints this year: the joint opening ceremony of the IFRC General Assembly and the Council of Delegates would be held on 19 June (morning), the IFRC awards ceremony would be held during the General Assembly and the Movement awards ceremony during the Council of Delegates on 22 June (evening).
- agreed to nominate the following persons to hold positions of officers of the Council of Delegates:

- Chair: Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC
- Vice Chair: Brigitta M.Gadient, Vice President of the Board of the Swiss Red Cross
- Co-secretaries: Kate Halff and Rudina Pema

3.3. Review and approval of official working documents and agenda items

The Standing Commission

- approved the following documents for classification as official working documents of the Council of Delegates and despatch to members and observers:
 - 10 progress reports with no change:
 - ✓ Movement-wide Commitments for Community Engagement and Accountability (CD/19/R1)
 - ✓ Movement Statement on Integrity (CD/19/R2)
 - ✓ Movement policy on addressing mental health and psychosocial needs (CD/19/R5)
 - ✓ Strengthening implementation of the Movement Policy on Internal Displacement: Ten years on (CD/19/R7)
 - ✓ Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation, SMCC 2.0 (CD/19/R9)
 - ✓ Movement-wide Principles for Resource mobilization (CD/17/R2)
 - ✓ Strategic Framework on Disability Inclusion (CD/15/R4)
 - ✓ Movement approach to strengthening NS statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks (CD/19/R3) and report by the Joint ICRC/IFRC Commission for NS Statutes
 - ✓ Empress Shôken Fund, report by the Joint ICRC/IFRC Commission
 - ✓ Report on the work of the Standing Commission (2020-2022)
 - 1 progress report with an addendum:
 - ✓ Weapons and international humanitarian law (CD/13/R7): addition of a list of acronyms in annex
 - 4 draft resolutions with no change:
 - ✓ War in cities (Action Plan 2022 – 2027)
 - ✓ Working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons
 - ✓ Revision of the Regulations for Henry Dunant Medal and RC/RC Prize for Peace and Humanity
 - ✓ Adoption of regulations and conditions for the Movement Restoring Family Links (RFL) medal
 - 4 draft resolutions with recommendations for clarifications (see details in follow-up / recommendations below):
 - ✓ Climate and Environment Charter
 - ✓ Towards a Movement strategy on migration
 - ✓ Strengthening anticipatory humanitarian Action in the Movement: Our way forward
 - ✓ Movement approach to ensuring patient safety and quality of care
- noted the forthcoming availability of 2 draft resolutions to be submitted before 25 April 2022 to the Chair of the Standing Commission for approval:
 - ✓ Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward
 - ✓ Safeguarding humanitarian data
- noted the status of the IFRC and ICRC co-led drafting and consultation process on the Review of the Seville Agreement and Supplementary Measures to enhance the Movement's collective impact, noting that a further consultation with National Societies would be expected to take place in early May 2022 on the basis of a draft zero resolution that would be presented to the Standing Commission beforehand, and that the consolidated draft resolution would be submitted to the members of the Council of Delegates only at a later stage than the dispatch of official working documents.
- noted the current status of 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), further noting that the Independent Monitor's report and a draft resolution would only be submitted to members of the Council of Delegates at a later stage than the dispatch of official working documents.

3.4. Approval of the (consolidated) provisional agenda and programme

The Standing Commission

- provisionally approved the revised provisional agenda and programme of the Council of Delegates with an amended annotation under item 13 *Review of the Seville Agreement and its Supplementary Measures to enhance collective impact of the Movement* which should read as follows:
 - ⇒ Through the proposed resolution, the Council would adopt a revision of the Agreement on the Organization of the International Activities of the Components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (“Seville Agreement”) of 1997 and Supplementary Measures to enhance the collective impact of the Movement’s humanitarian action.
- noted the possibility for the components of the Movement to submit further comments on the Council's provisional agenda until 23 April in accordance with the statutory rules and entrusted the Chair with the task of examining and, if appropriate, approving possible new proposals and the consolidated provisional agenda.

4. TOWARDS THE 34TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Date and place of the 34th IC (and CoD)

The Standing Commission

- decided to postpone the 34th International Conference and the preceding Council of Delegates to 2024, in order to take into account the impact that the postponement of the Council of Delegates and IFRC General Assembly to 2022 had on the cycle of statutory meetings, and to allow sufficient time for thorough preparation of the International Conference as well as in-depth and quality engagement with the components of the Movement and states parties to the Geneva Conventions; [decision of 10 May subsequent to the meeting] these statutory meetings will be held in Geneva between 20 October and 1 November 2024 (dates to be specified); the Standing Commission will inform the National Societies and the States accordingly at the latest on the occasion of the next Council of Delegates.
- thanked the organisers of the 11 April workshop in which its members as well as guests from the ICRC and IFRC participated with the aim of helping to shape the key issues, design and plan of engagement for the 34th International Conference.

5. WAY FORWARD ON THE MOVEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Standing Commission

- confirmed its willingness to continue its reflection on critical issues of concern for the Movement regarding the life cycle, development and follow-up of its resolutions and policies, particularly in terms of effective promotion, knowledge and implementation, as well as priorities in accountability and compliance requirements; while recognising the independent character of the respective components of the Movement and the importance of peer reviews and collaborations with other relevant RC/RC leaders and bodies and taking into account other existing working processes within the Movement, the Commission agreed to establish a working group to develop an appropriate and more effective Movement policy-making framework, the composition and terms of reference of which would be presented for approval at its next meeting SC18-9.

6. FINANCE OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

The Standing Commission

- thanked its member, Abbas Gullet, for his review report on the 2021 accounts.
- approved the review report as well as the 2021 statement of income and expenses and the balance sheet as presented.