

**THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

SC XVI – 6th meeting

**16-17 September 2013
Divonne, France**

DECISIONS

Decision 1 (Agenda):

The Agenda as circulated was adopted, with the exception of Item 17 of the draft agenda, which was deferred.

Decision 2 (Minutes):

The minutes were adopted with changes as proposed by Dr Massimo Barra, and Mr Stenbäck's wording.

Decision 3 (Review of action sheet):

The Action Sheet was reviewed, and no comments recorded.

Decision 4 (Finance):

The report of the Secretariat, including a revision of the budget without changing its income side, was noted.

Decision 5 (Henry Dunant Medal 50th anniversary):

Dr Massimo Barra briefed the commission on the status of various elements of the marking of the 50th Anniversary. The Commission appreciated the willingness of the Red Cross Red Crescent Museum to consider a erecting a plaque with the names of the recipients, and the display of information, in electronic format, on the life of the individual recipients (see below).

The Commission was provided with a prototype of a booklet containing brief

biographies of all recipients of the Henry Dunant Medal, intended to be finalised and printed in time for the Council of Delegates/International Conference scheduled for 2015 and the 50th Anniversary, providing costs can be financed outside the regular budget of the Commission. The National Society of each recipient will receive a letter with a request to confirm information already collected, and to provide additional material as necessary, in particular photographs of the recipients.

The Commission agreed that Dr Barra may explore further the possibilities for minting the Medal in an intrinsically valuable metal provided this would not lead to additional expenses charged to the budget of the Standing Commission.

A proposal that a professional might be asked to consider the design of the medal met with approval.

As a matter of courtesy, the Australian Red Cross will be advised.

Decision 6 (Henry Dunant Medal regulations update):

The Standing Commission agreed to the modifications of the Criteria for awarding the Medal proposed by Dr Barra, including the continued ineligibility of senior members of governance or management of the ICRC and the International Federation.

Decision 7 (Henry Dunant Medal 2013 recipients):

The Commission decided to award the Medal to four recipients:

- Mr Tom Buruku of the Ugandan Red Cross
- Mr Alberto Cairo of the ICRC
- Mr Burges Hamoud Burges of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent
- Ms Maneca de Menzia, Honduras red Cross

Decision 8 (Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity):

The Commission decided to award the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity to Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

Dr Mohammed Al-Hadid, who had been nominated for the Prize, requested that his candidacy be deferred, on the grounds that he is a member of the Commission awarding the Prize. This was agreed.

Decision 9 (Standing Commission election procedures):

The Commission reviewed the proposed ballot paper for elections to the Standing Commission, commended it, and decided to keep the matter under review as well as to request the Joint Organising Committee to keep the change in mind for the 2015 meetings.

Decision 10 (Working Group on Movement Fora):

The Commission noted with approval the report of the Working Group and approved the accompanying draft resolution with modifications as discussed in the Commission.

Decision 11 (Movement cooperation):

The Commission received an update from ICRC and the International Federation about their joint work and discussions about future forms of co-operation within the Movement

Decision 12 (Future of the MoU monitoring mechanism):

The Standing Commission received a briefing by the Monitor, Min (Hon) Pär Stenbäck, on the developments since the previous meeting of the Standing Commission. While some positive signs may be gleaned, the overall impression is that MDA is not engaged in implementing the remaining elements of the Memorandum of Understanding from 2005. The Standing Commission decided formulate a letter to Permanent Missions outlining the steps that may be taken, to contact the most relevant missions, and to prepare a draft resolution of possible submission to the Council of Delegates in which components of the Movement might be requested to initiate the relevant procedures.

Decision 13 (Cyprus):

The Commission heard a report from its Representative, Dr. Mohammed Al-Hadid and noted its contents with approval. It thanked Dr. Al-Hadid for his work on this matter and joined the Governing Board of the International Federation in encouraging his continued engagement so as to ensure a positive outcome of the process. Following the decision of the Governing Board to invite NCTRC to attend the General Assembly of the International Federation as an observer, the Commission decided to invite the NCTRC, as an observer, also to the Council of Delegates.

Decision 14 (Monitoring of follow-up to statutory meetings):

The Standing Commission received, from ICRC and the International Federation, a report on the monitoring of the implementation of decisions of the Council of Delegates, the decisions of the 31st International Conference and pledges delivered there, as well as the methodologies employed. The Standing Commission noted the methods chosen and progress achieved with satisfaction, and expressed a wish to be kept informed.

Decision 15 (Strategy for the Movement):

The Standing Commission reviewed a possible new strategy to replace the one in place since 2005. It commended the work done, and determined to submit the draft to National Societies for comments, in the preparations for the Council of Delegates and at the Council, with a view to developing a new draft in 2015, taking into account the work that is being undertaken on Movement Cooperation, the branding initiative and on Movement Fora.

Decision 16 (Agenda for the 2013 Council of Delegates):

The Commission received a briefing by ICRC and the International Federation on the work done to develop and finalise the agenda and programme of workshops for the Council of Delegates, including the joint opening session, and agreed to the proposals put forward. The Commission decided that the Council shall be chaired by the President of the ICRC, Mr Peter Maurer, and that the Chairman of the Standing Commission shall be the Vice Chair of the Council. The Commission asked the Joint Organising Committee to propose other candidates for offices of the Council of delegates.

Decision 17 (Information sharing):

Deferred without date.

Decision 18 (Nicaraguan Red Cross):

The Commission received a brief presentation of the issues affecting Nicaraguan Red Cross and the steps taken by the International Federation to help the National Society manage these.

It was agreed that in cases where the Standing Commission is requested to intervene in such situations that if the matter is of such a nature that it falls within the competence of the International Federation or the ICRC, the request should be referred there, and a response both acknowledging the receipt of the communication and describing the referral should be sent to the originator.

Decision 19 (Next meetings):

The Commission tentatively agreed to meet

- Afternoon of Friday 15 October in Sydney (the day before the Council opens)
- 10-11 February in Geneva: in conjunction with extraordinary GB meeting and an opportunity for an all-missions briefing session
- 2 afternoon - 3 June, Florence – Europe Conference
- October in Beijing? Or Geneva? To be decided in Sydney.

