

**XVI SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT
3rd meeting**

Decisions

17 – 18 September 2012
Chexbres, Switzerland

Decision 1 (*Minutes*)

The minutes of SC XVI-2 meeting, as circulated, were adopted.

Decision 2 (*review of past decisions*)

The Standing Commission reviewed the decisions of its Meeting SC XVI-2. The Secretariat was instructed to produce the next set of decisions in a tabular format, using the International Federation's Governing Board decision sheets as inspiration.

Action: Secretariat

Decision 3 (*financial update*)

The Standing Commission received a brief presentation on the financial situation and trends in funding of its work. It requested the Secretariat in the future to include more information illustrating what the Standing Commission does at what cost; to include the balance; and data for comparison with previous years and identification of trends.

Clearer criteria for solicitation of contributions from national Societies need to be drafted for consideration by the Commission.

The Standing Commission requested a budget for its consideration at its next meeting.

Decision 4 (*briefing on current operations*)

The Standing Commission heard reports on the situation and the state of Red Cross Red Crescent action in and around Syria.

Decision 5 (50th Anniversary of the Fundamental Principles)

The Standing Commission decided to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015, and supported the proposal from Dr Mohammed Al-Hadid to use it as a theme for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, 8th of May, 2015 and in respect encouraged the ICRC and IFRC to consider this, thus kick-starting the celebrations that should culminate at the International Conference

Further consideration of the nature of the celebration will be explored also in the context of preparing the agenda and programme for the Council of Delegates in 2013

Decision 6 (*Henry Dunant Medal*)

The Standing Commission requested its member, Dr Massimo Barra, to explore – with support from the Standing Commission Secretariat – the criteria for the award and how better to promote and celebrate the award. Dr Barra will also seek views on the option of creating a special Henry Dunant award for the anniversary, including the option of awarding it to someone from outside the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Decision 7 (*General Guidelines for the Organization of an International Conference*)

The Standing Commission noted, with great appreciation of the quality and the dedication that has gone into its production, the General Guidelines for the Organization of an International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and thanked Ambassador Jean-François Paroz, the Commissioner for the 31 International Conference for his many contributions to the success of that Conference, including this.

The Standing Commission and the two institutions will use the document actively as a document of reference in the preparations for the 32nd International Conference scheduled for 2015 without, however, making the document binding on future Commissions.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to Ambassador Paroz

Decision 8 (*Working Group on Movement Fora*)

The Standing Commission noted, with satisfaction, an oral report given by the Chairman of the Working Group on Movement Fora, Mr Steve Carr.

Mr Carr will keep the Standing Commission updated on progress.

The Standing Commission decided to review possibilities of how to cooperate, integrate RC/RC matters also in other fora, specifically of the UN, which will be organised in 2015.

Decision 9 (*Report on the implementation of the MoU between MDA and PRCS*)

The Standing Commission noted the report given by the Monitor, Mr Pär Stenbäck, and will hear about further progress at subsequent meetings.

Decision 10 (*Cyprus*)

The Standing Commission noted, with satisfaction, the report provided by the Representative of the Standing Commission on matters related to Cyprus, Dr Mohammed Al-Hadid, and likewise the comprehensive review of developments within the International Federation at the level of its Governing Board including its decision to appoint a small Working Group.

The Standing Commission decided to maintain Dr Al-Hadid as its Representative, working closely together with the Governing Board Working Group, keeping and the Governing Board as well as the Standing Commission informed on progress.

The Standing Commission will continue to monitor the situation.

Decision 11 (*Implementation of the decisions taken in statutory meetings 2011*)

On follow up to the decisions of the 2011 Council of Delegates and the 31st International Conference

The Standing Commission heard reports from the International Federation and the ICRC on their approaches and progress on monitoring and follow up to decisions made in 2011.

The Standing Commission appreciated the ideas and directions presented and emphasized the importance of translating these into actual monitoring and follow-up and looks forward to receiving additional updates at its November 2012 meeting.

Decision 12 (*replacement or renewal of the Strategy for the Movement*)

The Standing Commission accepted that the current Strategy for the Movement has been implemented, although there are certain actions that are ongoing by nature, incomplete for other reasons, or no longer relevant.

Thus a replacement for the Strategy for the Movement needs to incorporate those elements that remain relevant and be a much shorter document, be developed as a rolling plan for consideration by each Council of Delegates and with a special focus on strategic issues facing the Movement

A concept for the replacement for the Strategy needs to be developed by the Secretariat for consideration and further work / consultation by the Commission.

Action: Secretariat in consultation with ICRC and International Federation

Decision 13 (*agenda for the 2013 Council of Delegates*)

The Standing Commission noted the proposals for the agenda of the forthcoming Council of Delegates put forward by Joint Organising Committee (JoC) and built on the ideas of the Australian Red Cross.

The Standing Commission expressed its appreciation for the work carried out and the quality of the proposals and foresees being presented with clearer set of options after the Governing Board of the International Federation meets in November 2012, for discussion at the meeting of the Standing Commission scheduled immediately afterwards.

Decision 14 (*Standing Commission plan of action*)

The Standing Commission adopted the draft Plan of Action, which will be valid until the Council of Delegates in 2013, as circulated and requested that the budget for 2013 be adjusted in line with the new version of the plan.

Decision 15 (*forthcoming meetings*)

The Standing Commission decided to meet

- In Geneva 12 November for a one day meeting, with the 13 November kept in reserve in case it is necessary, to focus on further development of the agenda for the Council of Delegates.
- In Geneva 25-26 March 2013 to review the draft agenda for the Council of Delegates prior to the dispatch of convocation letters to national societies.
- In Geneva 16-17 September 2013, to review the Council of Delegates official documents before dispatch
- In Sydney, for part of the day on 15 or 16 November 2013 – depending on when the Governing Board of the International Federation decides to meet