

**19th SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

Meeting SC 19 - 04

20 and 21 October 2025

online

Decision sheet

1. Opening of the meeting: welcome and procedural matters

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- approved the draft Agenda for the meeting SC19-04.
- adopted the minutes of meeting SC19-03.

2. Outstanding issues for the Movement

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- expressed its appreciation to the ICRC and IFRC members for their update on outstanding operational matters affecting the Movement.

3. Statutory Meetings: 2026 Council of Delegates

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked the National Societies for their comments and suggestions on the Concept Note *“United for Humanity”* in preparation for the Council of Delegates in 2026.
- welcomed the presentation and proposals from the ICRC and IFRC outlining the potential structure and scope of discussions and outcomes for the Council of Delegates, noting that these proposals will be further clarified and refined in preparation for the draft provisional agenda.
- welcomed the proposed direction for organizing the 2026 Council of Delegates, which will aim to adopt a limited number of resolutions while also providing significant space for dialogue and reflection on Shaping the Movement of the Future in light of expectations expressed by many National Societies and of major current shifts and challenges to humanitarian action, law, and principles.
- endorsed the proposal to prepare four resolutions for the Council of Delegates, covering the following topics:

- Reinforcing the mandates and capacities of National Societies through strengthening their legal base and mandate, noting that an ad hoc consultation process is about to begin within the Movement to revise the Model Law on the Recognition of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies,
 - Humanitarian Accountability of Technology,
 - Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward,
 - [subsequent decision of 9.12.2025] Building the Movement's strategic and operational preparedness to address the spread of harmful information in humanitarian settings.
- encouraged National Societies to actively participate in the new round of consultations starting on 12 December 2025, regarding the elements of the resolutions envisioned for the 2026 Council of Delegates.

4. Movement Awards 2026

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- welcomed the appointment of Mr. Wang Ping as the chair of the Joint Nomination Review Group (JNRG) for awarding the Henry Dunant Medal (HDM) and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity (PPH).
- agreed with the proposed timeline for the call and review of nominations for the HDM and PPH awards in 2026 and reiterated the Standing Commission's commitment to promoting high-quality nominations that align with the requirements and criteria set out in the revised 2022 Regulations, as well as the 2020 Guidelines for awarding these distinctions.

5. Movement Policy Framework project

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked the working group, its Chair, and the staff involved for the oral progress report on the implementation of the Movement Policy Framework (MPF) project.
- encouraged them to continue this work within the Scope of Work 2025–2026 previously defined by the Standing Commission (SC19-03), particularly:
 - the continued development of an Online Research Platform on Movement Decisions,
 - the presentation of the MPF project to the Council of Delegates in 2026,
 - the preliminary engagement efforts with National Societies, while expressing gratitude to the members of the MPF Reference Group who have already agreed to take part in the initial consultations on the project.

6. Information from IFRC on changes and trends in the humanitarian environment

Decisions:

The Standing Commission thanked the President of the IFRC for requesting the inclusion in the agenda of this item for information on changes and trends in the humanitarian environment, which enabled useful sharing and exchanges on the significant impact of these changes on the structures and actions of the IFRC and, more broadly, on the components of the Movement.

8. Enhancing integrity and accountability framework of the Standing Commission

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- thanked the working group and the staff involved in preparing the proposed improvements to the Standing Commission's integrity and accountability framework.
- approved:
 - o the proposed amendments to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Commission on the Integrity of Members of the Standing Commission,
 - o the Code of Conduct for Elected Members of the Standing Commission, and
 - o the Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.

9. Update on a review of the Standing Commission's electoral framework

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- agreed to extend the mandate of the members of the Electoral Committee appointed in 2024, now serving in an advisory capacity. Their role will focus on conducting an independent review of the lessons learned from the 2024 Standing Commission election, as well as examining the regulatory, policy, and administrative framework applicable to that election, with a view to its potential improvement. Recommendations and proposals will be presented to the Standing Commission at its next meeting (SC19-05).

10. Finance of the Standing Commission

Decisions:

The Standing Commission

- took note of the 2026 draft budget presented and requested that a revised budget be submitted within one month for approval. While recalling the principle that the IFRC, the ICRC, and National Societies each contribute one-third to the budget of the Standing Commission, as adopted by the 2007 Council of Delegates, it acknowledged the challenging financial context, which is resulting in significant cuts across the humanitarian sector. It also recognized the need for the Standing Commission to

ensure that its operating and structural expenditures are as cost-effective as possible, while enabling it to fully carry out its roles and responsibilities.

- [subsequent decision of 5.12.2025] approved the 2026 budget of CHF 465,000, setting a target of CHF 65,625 in contributions from National Societies (voluntary contributions), the IFRC, and the ICRC respectively, and authorizing the use of reserves up to CHF 298,125.
- approved the annexed and complementary budget of CHF 235'000 in 2026, dedicated to the Movement Policy Framework project - including the provision of staff secondment from the Swedish Red Cross and the development of an online platform on Movement decisions, a new asset and resource for the entire Movement and beyond, which will involve special funding arrangements such as staff secondment partnerships, other forms of voluntary sponsorship from National Societies, and/or the use of the Standing Commission's own reserves.

11. Any other business and closing

Decisions:

The next meetings of the Standing Commission of 2026 are scheduled as follows:

- SC 19-05 – in-person in Geneva
 - o Mon 11 - Tue 12 May 2026 [subsequent agreement of 26.11.2025]
- SC 19-06 – online
 - o Wed 16-Thu 17 September 2026
- SC 19-07 – in-person in Geneva
 - o Wed 2 December 2026 (date and time to be confirmed according to the planning of the IFRC General Assembly and the Council of Delegates)