

**30th International Conference
of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
(26 – 30 November 2007)**

Guidelines for pledging

(approved by the Standing Commission on 11 May 2007)

1. Introduction

In addition to considering the resolutions submitted to the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent for adoption, the participants will be invited to undertake voluntarily, acting independently or jointly, specific humanitarian commitments for the period 2008-2011 in the form of **pledges**. This is a well established tradition. Joint pledges, undertaken as a means of building partnerships will of course be particularly relevant to the slogan of the Conference, “Together for Humanity.”

2. Sponsors

Participants (i.e. National Societies, governments, the ICRC, the International Federation and observers) may make individual or collective pledges. Collective pledges are those sponsored by a group of participants (e.g.: a regional group or a National Society and its government) who make a commitment to achieve shared goals, individually or in partnership.

In addition to the pledges initiated by participants, a number of model pledges (individual or collective) will be submitted for consideration prior to and during the Conference. Workshop organizers will be invited to prepare model pledges on their chosen topics.

3. Content

All pledges should:

- | **Relate to the objectives and issues addressed by the Conference;**
- | Preferably **promote partnerships** between participants that involve joint action and shared goals;
- | Be *action-oriented, specific and indicate in measurable terms the objectives* to be reached in the period 2008-2011;
- | Be reasonably short (maximum 10 lines).

4. Registration

Participants may submit their pledges as of 1 June 2007 in English, French, Spanish or Arabic on the enclosed "**Pledge registration form**" (Annex 1).

Ø Prior to the Conference:

- ÿ From 1 June 2007 until the opening of the Conference, participants may register their pledges to the organizers of the Conference (see contact list below). These pledges will be posted on the Internet (www.icrc.org, on the page of the 30th International Conference).
- ÿ At the request of the sponsor(s), pledges that are open to shared sponsorship will be mailed to the other participants, together with the official documents of the Conference, provided that the request reaches the co-hosts before 25 August 2007.

Ø During the Conference:

- ÿ *A pledge stand will be open at the Conference venue from Monday 26 November (4.00 p.m.) to Thursday 29 November (4.00 p.m.)* throughout the working hours of the Conference. For National Societies, the stand will also be open during the Council of Delegates, 23-24 November.
- ÿ All pledges received (including those sent before the Conference) may be amended and finalized by the sponsor(s) at the pledge stand until 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 29 November.
- ÿ A team will be available at the pledge stand to help participants register their pledges during the working hours of the Conference.

5. Results

Once registered, all pledges will be posted on the Internet (www.icrc.org) for consultation.

Pledges made will be announced at the *closing ceremony* on 30 November, following the presentation of the Conference resolutions.

6. Follow-up

In order to ensure appropriate follow-up of the pledges at the next International Conference (2011), the organizers suggest the following:

- ÿ As the pledges are considered an integral part of the International Conference, a *resolution* will welcome them and request their sponsors to report on their implementation at the next Conference.
- ÿ Summary information on the pledges will be provided in the *Conference Report*.
- ÿ The sponsors of each pledge will be invited to clearly designate the person(s) or authority in charge of following up and reporting on its implementation.
- ÿ The sponsors of collective pledges may set up a joint reporting mechanism.
- ÿ The organizers will ensure that all pledges are kept posted on the *Internet* (www.icrc.org) until the next Conference. The sponsors will have the opportunity to report on the implementation of their pledges (i.e.: individual or collective progress or final reports) and to share that information with the other participants on the website.

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Annex 1

Pledge registration form

For the years 2008-2011, we hereby pledge (max. 10 lines):

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Proposed evaluation criteria (in 2011):

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Sponsor(s) of the pledge:

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Full name:	Date:
Title or organization:	Place:
Signature:	

Person / service / institution in charge of follow-up:
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Full name:

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