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Day 1 (23 November 2009)

### **OPENING OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES**

Keynote Address on the State of the Movement Chairman of the Standing Commission

Today's Solferinos – our world is in a mess - humanitarian challenges

150 years after Henry Dunant's heroic acts on the battlefields of Solferino, armed conflict, climate change, migration, food scarcity and other humanitarian problems continue to wreak havoc in the lives of hundreds of millions of people worldwide. The Movement's 'Our world. Your move.' campaign, created to mark this year's Movement anniversaries, has been seeking the views of the victims of today's Solferinos. What are they telling us about their vulnerability, their hopes and their dreams? Which move do they expect from us? This session will also allow the Council of Delegates to pay tribute to the everyday heroism of millions who, in the spirit of Henry Dunant, act to make our world a less messy place.

'Message' from the youth Camp in Solferino and from the 'Our World. Your Move.' - campaign

### I. Elections, agenda and procedural matters

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

In conformity with Rule 26 paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Chairman of the Standing Commission shall chair the meeting until the Chairman of the Council has been elected.

2. Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman/men and of the Secretaries of the Council of Delegates

In addition to the Chairman and Vice Chairman/men from among its members, the Council shall elect secretaries (Rule 26, para 3).

3. Adoption of the agenda of the Council of Delegates

The Chairman submits to the Council for adoption the provisional agenda drawn up by the Standing Commission (Article 18, para 4b / Statutes).

# II. Substantive agenda items

# Follow-up items of the Council of Delegates / 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference 2007

Reports and draft resolutions, as necessary, on agenda items 4-8 will be submitted as working documents to all members of the Council 45 days in advance. Time will be allocated to comment on and to discuss the reports/resolutions.

National Societies wishing to raise issues regarding the reports are encouraged to inform the Standing Commission in advance in order to facilitate and prepare the session. Advance, written comments to the reports are welcomed.

- 4. Work of the Standing Commission (Resolution 1/2007)
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding between the PRCS and the MDA (Resolution 2/2007)
- 6. The Seville Agreement and its Supplementary Measures (Resolution 6/2007)
- 7. Strategy for the Movement (Resolution 7/2007)
  - 7.1. Report on implementation
  - 7.2. Report by the ICRC and International Federation Joint Statutes Commission
  - 7.3. Study on operational and commercial and other non-operational issues involving the use of the emblems
- 8. International humanitarian law and cluster munitions (Resolution 8/2007)
- 9. Report of the Empress Shôken Fund for 2008 and the first half of 2009
- 10. Policy on Migration (Resolution 5/2007)

The Federation will report to the Council of Delegates on the Policy adopted by its Governing Board in May 2009 and on any complementary guidelines adopted by its General Assembly, in conformity with Resolution 5 of the 2007 Council of Delegates ("International Migration").

### Other items for decision

### 11. Movement Policy on Internal Displacement

Adoption of a Movement policy on internal displacement.

The Policy aims to address the needs and vulnerabilities of persons affected by internal displacement and host communities and to position the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as the main humanitarian actor in responding to those needs. The Policy also seeks to ensure good communication and coordination within the Movement in such work, as well to define the terms of cooperation with other humanitarian actors.

## 12. Weapons and IHL

# 12.1 Movement Strategy on Landmines, Cluster Munitions and other Explosive Remnants of War: Reducing the effects of weapons on civilians

The Council is expected to update and replace the 1999-2009 "Movement Strategy on Landmines."

The new Strategy will cover landmines, cluster munitions and explosive remnants of war and will incorporate the significant developments in the law and practice of the past ten years. The new Strategy reaffirms the continued commitment of the Movement to develop, promote and implement all relevant norms of international humanitarian law and to implement a flexible, integrated approach to operational activities in order to reduce the impact of weapon contamination. It supports strengthened efforts to provide comprehensive assistance to victims. The new Strategy aims to build, strengthen and mobilise the capacities and resources of all components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and to ensure effective coordination and cooperation with all relevant actors.

# 12.2 Preventing the humanitarian consequences arising from the development, use and proliferation of certain types of weapons

The resolution calls upon the components of the Movement to actively raise public awareness of the human costs of unregulated arms availability and to encourage States to pursue a comprehensive approach to reducing such costs. It also addresses the need to continue to monitor developments in biotechnology and the life sciences, to ensure the faithful implementation of relevant treaties related to biological and chemical weapons, and to continue efforts towards the elimination of nuclear weapons. It also reminds States of their obligation to ensure the legality of new weapons, means or methods of warfare under international law. The provisions of this resolution reflect positions the Movement has adopted previously in resolutions both before the Council of Delegates and the International Conference.

# 13. Respecting and protecting health-care in armed conflict and other situations of violence

The Council is expected to reaffirm the Movement's concern for and commitment towards the protection of health care and the security of its delivery to the wounded, the sick, and others affected by situations of armed conflict and other situations of violence.

The Resolution will emphasize the difficulties witnessed on the ground which undermine the work of the medical mission and its access to victims in situations of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to recall the international

legal regimes applicable under IHL and IHRL to the protection of the medical mission. The roles and responsibilities of components of the Movement, National Societies in particular, in addressing and raising awareness of the problem will also be underlined. The background document will build on a factual study of the types and the extent of the problems encountered in the delivery of healthcare in the field. It is expected that the subject will be brought to the 31st International Conference in 2011 for the consideration of States.

## 14. Code for Good Partnership

Following COD Resolution 3 / 2007, the Code for Good Partnership (the Code) has been developed involving extensive consultation with National Societies. The Code sets out principles and standards of behaviour in partnerships with which staff and volunteers of National Societies, the International Federation and of the ICRC should comply. It aims to strengthen partnerships within the Movement for all components to work together more efficiently and effectively.

The Council of Delegates (COD) is expected to adopt the Code. The draft resolution will call upon the components of the Movement

- to state their individual and collective commitment to implement the Code,
- to participate in its monitoring and compliance mechanism,
- to report back and share experiences in complying with the Code to future CoD meetings to contribute to its further development.

# 15. "Meeting Today's Humanitarian Challenges"

150 years after Henry Dunant brought to life the idea of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Council will reaffirm the commitment of the components of the Movement to tackle today's Solferinos and the key humanitarian challenges faced by millions of victims and affected communities around the globe. At this first Council of Delegates to take place in Africa, the Movement will reinforce its particular undertaking to work in partnership with the continent's National Societies to respond to these challenges.

# Day 2 (24 November 2009)

## IV. Workshops

Each workshop will be held maximum three times in the course of the day in different language combinations. Consolidated Reports from each of the six (6) workshop themes will be compiled for presentation to the plenary session on Day 3.

- 1. Promotion of non-discrimination and respect for diversity
- 2. Relations with actors outside of the Movement
- 3. 30th International Conference Declaration: the humanitarian consequences of climate change
- 4. International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian access
- 5. Improving our combined output by fostering collective responsibility and partnerships
- 6. Meeting the humanitarian challenges in Africa: a global challenge for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

# Day 3 (25 November 2009)

Continuation of agenda items from Day 1 (items for decision)

### 16. Workshop reports

Presentation of the consolidated reports from the six workshops held during Day 2 of the Council, with possible recommendations for action(s) by the components of the Movement.

# 17. Towards the 2011 Council of Delegates and the 31st International Conference

Developing agendas for the 2011 statutory meetings: reflection on the implementation of the 2007 statutory meeting resolutions / pledges and the outcomes of the 2009 CoD.

Restoring Family Links (RFL): follow-up to Resolution 4/2007

### 18. Date and venue of the Council of Delegates 2011

### **Evening of 23 November**

Henry Dunant Medal Award Ceremony followed by a reception hosted by the ICRC and the International Federation.