

# GUIDELINES FOR PLEDGING

(Adopted by the Standing Commission 22 March 2011)

## 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (28 November – 1 December 2011)

### 1. Introduction

In addition to considering the resolutions submitted to the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2012-2015 in the form of **pledges**. This is a well established tradition. Joint pledges, undertaken as a means of building partnerships will be particularly relevant to the slogan of the Conference, "Our world – Your move, for humanity."

### 2. Sponsors

Participants (i.e. National Societies, governments, the ICRC, the IFRC and observers) may make individual or collective pledges with a group of participants who commit 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.

### 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, measurable and time-bound* (objectives to be reached in the period 2012-2015);
- | Be reasonably short (maximum 10 lines).

### 4. Registration

Participants may submit their pledges as of 1 June 2011 in English, French, Spanish or Arabic on the enclosed "Pledge registration form" (Annex 1).

#### Ø **Prior to the Conference:**

- ÿ From 1 June 2011 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 websites

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 2011.

Ø **During the Conference:**

ÿ *A pledge stand will be open at the Conference venue Monday 28 November - Wednesday 30 November* throughout the working hours of the Conference. For National Societies, the stand will be open also during the Council of Delegates, 26 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 Wednesday 30 November.

## 5. Results

Once registered, all pledges will be posted on the ICRC and IFRC websites ([www.icrc.org](http://www.icrc.org); [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)).

Pledges made will be announced at the *closing plenary meeting* of the Conference on 1 December.

## 6. Follow-up

In order to ensure appropriate follow-up of the pledges before the next International Conference (2015), 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 follow-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 posted on the above listed websites 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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## CONTACTS

Should you have any comments, suggestions or questions on the preparation of pledges, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**Pledge registration form**

**For the years 2012-2015, we hereby pledge (max. 10 lines):**

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**Proposed evaluation criteria (in 2015):**

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**Sponsor(s) of the pledge:**

Full name: _____	Date: _____
Title or organization: _____	Place: _____
Signature: _____	
<b>Person / service / institution in charge of follow-up:</b>	
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