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Strengthening Legal Protection for Victims of Armed Conflicts: Implementing Resolution 1 of the 31st International conference

The Council of Delegates,

recognizing, as identified in Resolution 1 of the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and in light of the current challenges of contemporary armed conflicts, that there is a need to strengthen the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with international humanitarian law (IHL), and legal protection for persons deprived of their liberty in relation to non-international armed conflict (NIAC),

recalling that Resolution 1 invited the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to pursue further research, consultation and discussion in cooperation with States and, if appropriate, other relevant actors, including international and regional organizations, to identify and propose a range of options and its recommendations to: i) ensure that IHL remains practical and relevant in providing legal protection to all persons deprived of their liberty in relation to armed conflict; and ii) enhance and ensure the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with IHL; and that the Resolution encouraged all members of the International Conference, including National Societies, to participate in this work while recognizing the primary role of States in the development of IHL,

1. *thanks* the ICRC for the annexed progress report (annex 1), summarizing the progress achieved so far in implementing Resolution 1, in terms of strengthening both the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with IHL and legal protection for persons deprived of their liberty in relation to NIAC;
2. *expresses* support for the ICRC's ongoing work to implement Resolution 1;
3. *acknowledges with appreciation* the commitment of the Government of Switzerland to facilitating consultation about strengthening the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with IHL, in cooperation with the ICRC;
4. *invites* National Societies to provide substantive comments on the implementation of Resolution 1 to the ICRC to ensure a Movement-wide perspective in the consultation process;
5. *encourages* National Societies to use their special auxiliary and IHL roles, to the extent possible, to work with their respective governments on implementing Resolution 1 of the 31st International Conference;
6. *calls on* the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to continue to support the ongoing consultation processes outlined in the progress report for the period leading up to the 32nd International Conference, and to help promote and encourage State involvement in these consultation processes, including through National Societies raising this issue with National IHL Committees;
7. *notes* that the ICRC will be submitting a report to the 32nd International Conference, setting out options and recommendations on how to strengthen both the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with IHL and legal protection for persons deprived of their liberty in relation to NIAC.