

# 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

## Guiding Questions for Commissions

### COMMISSION C

Wednesday 28 November 2007, 14.30-18.00

#### STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO DISASTERS

##### Rationale:

Commission C offers Conference members the opportunity to discuss ideas for improving legal preparedness for disasters. Suggestions offered by Conference members could usefully be directed at ways of employing the *Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance* (IDRL Guidelines) at the national level. Views about how the International Federation and interested National Societies can support States in their use of the IDRL Guidelines will also be welcome. Conference members could also reflect on how regional and global initiatives might supplement domestic legal preparedness. The discussions might also help identify partners at all levels which should be engaged on these issues once the Guidelines have been adopted by the International Conference.

In this regard, and without prejudice to the work carried out in the Drafting Committee, Conference members might consider the following guiding questions:

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- How can the Guidelines be useful in your national context?
- What additional steps can be taken to promote legal preparedness for disasters?
- How can National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies best support their governments in improving legal preparedness?
- How might issues raised by the IDRL Guidelines be addressed at the regional or sub-regional levels?
- How can efforts to increase legal preparedness for disaster response be linked to other global initiatives, such as follow up to the Hyogo Framework for Action?

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When addressing the Guiding Questions set out above, Conference members are invited to take into account the overall theme of the International Conference "Together for Humanity" and to consider the following:

- ✓ What types of collaborative actions and partnerships could be developed at the national and local levels between governments, components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other stakeholders to work towards a stronger national legal framework for disaster response?
- ✓ How can synergies and cooperation be improved at the international level to supplement and support domestic legal preparedness initiatives?
- ✓ How can collaboration with regional bodies be developed or improved so as to work towards the strengthening of national legal preparedness?