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Provisional Agenda [Annotated]

09.00

I. Elections, agenda and procedural matters

- 1. Opening of the Council**
- 2. Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretaries of the Council**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda of the Council of Delegates**

09.15

II. Issues for debate and decision

4. Nuclear Weapons

Building on resolution 7 adopted by the 2009 Council of Delegates, the draft resolution highlights the human costs of nuclear weapons and the difficulty of reconciling their use with International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It will further define a position of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement) on such weapons.

5. Red Cross Red Crescent Movement components' relations with humanitarian actors

As follow-up to recommendation from the 2009 Council of Delegates workshop on "Relations with Actors outside of the Movement" the draft resolution calls on all Movement components to endorse a proposal for further action in supporting Movement partners' relations with external actors in a coordinated and coherent manner and in line with the Fundamental Principles.

6. National Societies Preparing for and Responding to Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence

Following up the 2009 Council of Delegates workshop on "Collective responsibility and partnerships" recommendation, in view of recent world events and on the basis of a background report, the resolution calls upon National Society leaders to improve preparation and positioning for greater access to those in need in armed conflict and other situations of violence.

It encourages ICRC, IFRC and National Societies to continue developing a practical guide that will enhance the safety and protection of National Society staff and volunteers and improve the access to and protection of the beneficiaries they serve.

Furthermore, the resolution invites the IFRC and the ICRC to define how the mandates, roles and responsibilities of National Societies in armed conflict and other situations of violence may best be reflected in National Societies' statutory and legal base instruments.

[Lunch break 12-13.30)

13.30 – 16.00 (Agenda items 7 – 10)

7. Strategy for the Movement

As follow-up to Resolution 2 of the 2009 Council of Delegates, the Standing Commission presents the Evaluation of the Strategy for the Movement

The draft resolution will outline continued work on Movement fora and on reviewing and/or revising National Society statutes. The resolution will further outline options for Movement level strategic guidance based on the evaluation findings and recommendations.

**8. Memorandum of Understanding
between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and Magen David Adom in
Israel**

Report by the Monitor on progress in implementation

III Issues for decision

9. Red Cross Red Crescent heritage

The draft resolution calls on all components of the Movement to raise the priority accorded to the preservation, utilisation and promotion of their historical and cultural heritage.

10. 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

- 10.1. Adoption of the agenda of the 31st International Conference
- 10.2. Proposed officers for the 31st International Conference

16.00 – 16.30

IV Follow-up of the 2009 Council of Delegates

The follow-up reports will be submitted as working documents to all members of the Council 45 days before the opening of the Council of Delegates.

National Societies wishing to raise issues stemming from the reports shall inform the Standing Commission in advance for such requests to be added to the Council of Delegates agenda. Written comments to the reports are welcomed in advance.

No follow-up reports will be introduced/ discussed at the Council unless requested by a National Society as per above

1. Report on the work of the Standing Commission
(Regular report to the Council of Delegates)
2. Report on the implementation of the policy on internally displaced persons
(Resolution 5 / 2009 Council of Delegates)
3. Report on experiences by Movement components from the Code for Good Partnership
(Resolution 9 / 2009 Council of Delegates)
4. Report on the progress in implementation of the Seville Agreement and its Supplementary measures
(Regular report to the Council of Delegates)
5. Report on Empress Shôken Fund
(Regular report to the Council of Delegates)
6. Report on implementation of the Movement Strategy for Restoring Family Links
(Resolution 4 / 2007 Council of Delegates)

V Closing of the Council

Confirmation of date and venue of the 2013 Council of Delegates

17.00 – 18.30

VI. Commissions

Three parallel commissions convene after *the closing of the Council* to prepare for the 31st International Conference.
The discussions will focus on Conference procedures and on key issues on the agenda from a Movement perspective.
Time required: 1.5 hours

19.00 Henry Dunant Medal –ceremony, to be followed by a reception hosted by the ICRC and the International Federation