

Resolutions of the Council of Delegates

(adopted at its session of 27 October 1989)

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World Campaign for the Protection of Victims of War

The Council of Delegates,

recalling that the project for a World Campaign for the Protection of Victims of War was unanimously adopted by the Council of Delegates at Rio de Janeiro in November 1987,

having taken note of the report prepared by the Steering Committee of the Campaign which was appointed by the Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace,

1. *thanks* the Steering Committee for the preparatory work already done on this project,
2. *expresses its commitment* to such humanitarian mobilization on a global scale,
3. *urges* all components of the Movement to support the Steering Committee in its efforts to raise the necessary resources for the Campaign,
4. *approves* the general goal of the Campaign and, subject to available resources, the plan as outlined in the Steering Committee's report,
5. *enjoins* the National Societies, the ICRC and the League to take active part in implementing the project, on a national, regional and international basis,
6. *requests* the Steering Committee to ensure that the National Societies are provided with the necessary support and advice in order to create optimal conditions for the preparation and ultimate success of the Campaign,
7. *invites* the Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace to present the results of this Campaign to the next Council of Delegates.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Human Rights

The Council of Delegates,

having taken note with interest of the report submitted by the Group of Experts on Human Rights to the Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace, in accordance with Decision 1 of the 1985 Council of Delegates,

1. *thanks* the Commission as well as the Group of Experts on Human Rights for their excellent work,
2. *accepts* the report of the Group of Experts on Human Rights as approved by the Commission,
3. *urges* National Societies, the ICRC and the League to do their utmost to implement the conclusions and recommendations of this report.

Future of the Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace

The Council of Delegates,

having taken note of the report presented by the Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace on its work since the 1987 Council of Delegates in Rio de Janeiro,

noting that, for lack of time, the Commission was unable to fulfil the mandates entrusted to it in accordance with:

- a) Decision 1 of the 1985 Council of Delegates, inviting the Commission to consider developing and co-ordinating the implementation of a four-year plan relative to the Programme of Action of the Red Cross as a Factor of Peace, to the final document of the Second World Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference on Peace, and to Resolutions 1 and 2 of the 1983 Council of Delegates,
- b) Decision 3 of the 1985 Council of Delegates concerning reactivation of the Plan for Red Cross and Red Crescent Action in the Struggle against Racism and Racial Discrimination,

stressing that the programme of work of the World Campaign for the Protection of Victims of War extends until 1991,

recognizing the importance of following the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Experts on Human Rights,

extends the mandate of the Commission with its current composition until the next Council of Delegates, requesting the Commission to carry out the tasks set forth above and submit proposals to the Council of Delegates regarding its future, its mandate, duration and composition.

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Information Policy of the Movement

The Council of Delegates,

having taken note of the ICRC-League report on the Information Policy of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,

1. *thanks* the International Communications Group for the work it has accomplished and takes note with great interest of its considerations and recommendations,
2. *approves* the global approach to communications, as defined in the ICRC-League report,
3. *recommends* that the National Societies, the ICRC and the League use the Identity Statement contained in the report to promote the Movement and its work,
4. *decides* with regard to World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day,
 - to select the annual theme on a three-year cycle,
 - to adopt the following themes for the next three years:
 - 1990: *Protecting Human Life and Dignity*
 - 1991: *Victims of War*
 - 1992: *The Prevention of Disasters*
 - to feature a global event on World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, involving the promotion of a specific message and of the financial resources of the Movement,
5. *invites* the ICRC and the League, in co-ordination with National Societies, to find the resources necessary for the editing and distribution of *Red Cross, Red Crescent*, the Movement's magazine,
6. *recommends* that the ICRC and the League establish, in co-ordination with National Societies, a programme to improve or to create information services in National Societies of developing countries,
7. *encourages* co-productions in the field of communications, so as to reinforce the Movement's unity and solidarity among its members,
8. *takes note* of the intention of the ICRC and the League to establish, in association with National Societies, a Joint Working Group:

- a) to review international activities undertaken to implement the Information Policy, so as to ensure their coherence and co-ordination,
 - b) to develop proposals at international level—with due regard to the Fundamental Principles, financial efficiency and communications requirements—to promote the Movement and to raise funds, in co-ordination with National Societies, through sponsorship for the benefit of the Movement,
9. *requests* the ICRC and the League to report to the next Council of Delegates on progress made in these areas.

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Participation of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in the 1992 Universal Exposition in Seville

The Council of Delegates,

recalling that the Council of Delegates meeting in Rio de Janeiro on 27 November 1987 unanimously decided that the ICRC, League and all National Societies should participate in EXPO '92,

noting that the Presidents of the ICRC, League and Spanish Red Cross have held three meetings on how such participation is to be financed, and how the Movement is to be represented,

further noting that the Joint Working Group on Information and Public Relations set up by the ICRC and the League has studied how the Movement might participate so as to maximize the international impact of its humanitarian principles and activities,

considering that such participation gives the Movement a unique opportunity to be represented in an Exposition devoted to promoting human achievement worldwide, in an international event expected to attract more than 40 million visitors and featuring more than 100 countries plus 14 international organizations,

conscious that participation will allow continuous promotion of the Movement's humanitarian message and work over six months, as well as providing a focus for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on 8 May 1992,

being informed that an excellent site has been allocated gratis for the pavilion of the Movement, alongside the pavilions of other international organizations,

and taking into account the agreement reached by the Presidents of the ICRC, the League and the Spanish Red Cross that a joint working group of experts should be appointed by the ICRC and the League, in consultation with

the Spanish Red Cross, to advise on construction, programme content and sponsoring,

1. *reaffirms* that the Movement will participate in the 1992 Universal Exposition in Seville (EXPO '92) and,

2. *decides* that:

- the Spanish Red Cross will be the legal representative of the ICRC and the League with regard to the authorities of EXPO '92,
- Mr Leocadio Marín, President of the Spanish Red Cross, will be General Commissioner of the Red Cross and Red Crescent pavilion,
- the Spanish Red Cross is entrusted with fund-raising for the pavilion, in conformity with existing Regulations and Principles,
- the overall costs of the Movement's pavilion—construction, programme and services—will be covered by commercial sponsorship plus other donations (including contributions from the ICRC and the League); the total sum being guaranteed, in any event, by the Spanish Red Cross,
- the pavilion building will become the property of the Spanish Red Cross at the conclusion of EXPO '92.

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Formation of a working group to examine the 1987 revised provisions on the use of the emblem in the light of experience and new developments

The Council of Delegates,

anxious to support and encourage the work of the National Societies to promote respect in each country for the rules governing the use of the red cross and the red crescent emblem,

recalling the mandate given to the ICRC by the Twenty-fourth International Conference of the Red Cross (Manila, 1981) to prepare a revised version of the "Regulations on the use of the emblem of the red cross, red crescent and red lion and sun by National Societies" (Resolution XII),

recalling Resolution 6 of the 1987 Council of Delegates to submit to the Twenty-sixth International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent for formal adoption the draft regulations drawn up by the ICRC in consultation with the National Societies and the League Secretariat,

considering developments since the aforementioned draft was drawn up and experience gained in implementing its provisions,

1. *invites* the ICRC, in consultation with the League, to study the questions raised by the implementation of certain rules and, to this end, to form a

working group with representatives of the League and of National Societies from the various parts of the world,

2. *requests* the ICRC to report the results of the group's work to the next Council of Delegates before submitting the revised Regulations for formal adoption to the Twenty-sixth International Conference.

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**Study on respect for and dissemination
of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent**

The Council of Delegates,

having examined the ICRC's interim report on the study on respect for and dissemination of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent,

1. *reaffirms* the importance of respect for the Fundamental Principles by the Movement's components and the need to disseminate knowledge of the Principles also among the general public,

2. *requests* the ICRC to continue the study in consultation with all the National Societies, the League and the Henry Dunant Institute,

3. *invites* the components of the Movement to collect any material they consider useful for promoting understanding and dissemination of the Principles and to forward it to the ICRC,

4. *requests* the ICRC to submit a report to the next Council of Delegates.

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The Council of Delegates also took note of a *report on the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement*.

It furthermore took note of a *report on the activities of the Henry Dunant Institute*, of a document drawn up by nine African National Societies in *support of the Henry Dunant Institute's development studies*, and of a pledge by the League Secretary General of his institution's continued support for these projects.

The Council lastly decided to hold its next session at the same time and place as the next League General Assembly.