

26th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

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In a statement sent out in September 1993, the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent reaffirmed its decision to reconvene the 26th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 1995.

At its meeting on 21 February 1994, the Standing Commission mandated the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to act as the hosts of the 26th International Conference which will take place in Geneva (International Conference Centre) in the week starting 4 December 1995 for three or four days. The Swiss Federal Council has announced its agreement to the 26th International Conference being held in Switzerland and has pledged a contribution to cover organizational costs.

The members of the Standing Commission also exchanged views on three main items which could be discussed at this Conference:

- ***Respect for international humanitarian law*** (including development and dissemination);
- ***Red Cross and Red Crescent actions*** (Refugees and displaced persons; Co-ordination of humanitarian relief; Development of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies);
- ***Statutory matters*** (Election of the members of the Standing Commission, etc.).

The report on the work of the open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts, entrusted by the International Conference for the Protection of War Victims (1993) to study practical means of promoting full respect for and compliance with international humanitarian law, is expected to be one of the main working documents.