

Draft 0 of resolution

2017 Council of Delegates

Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC)

The 2017 Council of Delegates,

noting with appreciation the steady and demonstrated improvements in Movement coordination and cooperation and the efforts made to optimize the contributions of all components of the Movement since the 2015 Council of Delegates in preparation for and in response to emergencies across the world, as witnessed in several contexts,

confident that the ongoing improvements to Movement coordination and cooperation are contributing to further increasing the Movement's humanitarian reach for the benefit of affected populations, independently of the scale of the emergency,

acknowledging the continuously growing demands on humanitarian actors, including the Movement, to respond more efficiently to the increasing complexity of emergencies on a greater scale, and efforts to position the Movement as a leading and cost-effective humanitarian network, committed to ensuring the best possible complementarity between local and international response,

recalling Resolution 1 of the 2015 Council of Delegates and Resolution 4 of the 2013 Council of Delegates, both of which tasked the ICRC and the International Federation to continue their joint work on strengthening Movement coordination and cooperation (ref. CD/15/R1 & CD/13/R4),

further recalling Resolution 6 of the 1997 Council of Delegates, which adopted the "Agreement on the organization of the international activities of the components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement" (the Seville Agreement); Resolution 8 of the 2005 Council of Delegates, which adopted the "Supplementary Measures to Enhance the Implementation of the Seville Agreement" (SA/SM); and their follow-up reports as foundations of Movement coordination and cooperation,

acknowledging and welcoming the enabling and positive environment that the SMCC process has created within the Movement for building collective positioning and speaking with a coherent voice on global humanitarian issues,

expressing its appreciation and support for the engagement and work of the International Federation, the ICRC and all National Societies involved in the implementation of the SMCC Plan of Action, which addressed current challenges and opportunities in Movement coordination, preparedness and response, as described in the annexed Progress Report,

recognizing the specific attention paid to ensuring the operational relevance of the SMCC outputs by testing in the field, especially through the identification of five country "laboratories", where SMCC tools were piloted, existing best practices captured and the "SMCC spirit" strengthened,

mindful of the remaining challenges to improving Movement coordination and cooperation, especially diverse organizational cultures, communication difficulties, the limited contribution from Movement components and varying levels of awareness of the coordination tools and mechanisms, as well as increasing challenges from external stakeholders,

recognizing the need to pursue stronger Movement coordination and cooperation after the 2017 Council of Delegates, by reflecting on the transformative changes required at institutional and organizational levels and consolidating the advances deriving from the implementation of Resolution 1 of the 2015 Council of Delegates,

resolves as follows:

- A. *welcomes and endorses* the fact-based recommendations listed in the Progress Report and summarized as follows:
1. Drawing from reinforced leadership commitment, continue to increase SMCC literacy, promote coordination in all situations and further strengthen dialogue on policy issues.
 2. Ensure that the presentation on the regulatory framework is disseminated, that evidence on its effectiveness is gathered and that integrity issues affecting compliance are adequately addressed.
 3. Promote the use of updated coordination tools and mechanisms through an easily accessible online tool-kit and facilitate replication at and communication between local and national levels.
 4. Continue deployment of joint preparedness tools, roll out training on Movement coordination and ensure the inclusion of National Society capacity strengthening in emergency response.
 5. Clarify security agreements and streamline security management tools and training with increased involvement of National Societies to strengthen their capacities in safety and security.
 6. Increase coordination on communication through the use of joint statements, tripartite committees and training, while developing further the exchange of information and data.
 7. Continue to develop synergies between the surge capacities of Movement components and learn from and adapt deployment of Movement coordination officers.
 8. Improve the concept and implementation of *One International Appeal* and explore securing wider financial support while better depicting the overall Movement response.
 9. Develop further the interoperability of logistics services and a long-term plan of action.
- B. *tasks* the ICRC and the International Federation, with active engagement and contributions from National Societies, to oversee the implementation of recommendations and to report back to the 2019 Council of Delegates on the progress made;
- C. *calls for* sustained investment and firm leadership commitment from all Movement components to create an enabling environment for Movement coordination and cooperation ahead of the 2019 Council of Delegates;
- D. *endorses* the following three new priorities for the SMCC process up to the 2019 Council of Delegates, with the aim of deepening the humanitarian reach of the Movement and triggering a positive impact on its cost-effectiveness, access, acceptance, visibility and credibility:
1. increase **literacy** in and the use of the Movement's coordination tools and mechanisms and contribute to **mindset change** through:
 - (1) improved knowledge of the tool-kit and training on coordination
 - (2) continuous adaptation of tools and dissemination of best practices
 - (3) further alignment of systems, notably surge and data management
 - (4) promotion of constant and meaningful dialogue to support mindset change

2. improve the cost-effective and operationally relevant **provision of “services and support”** in high-interest areas where the Movement can assert its know-how and demonstrate its added-value by:
 - (1) further developing interoperability in logistics
 - (2) strengthening interaction and dialogue on security
 - (3) clarifying security management agreements in operational contexts and streamlining training
 3. continue building on successful examples of joint **resource mobilization** by:
 - (1) further improving the concept and mechanism for *One International Appeal*
 - (2) attracting more resources and support for response to large-scale emergencies
 - (3) improving the capacity to project and promote the overall Movement footprint
- E. *requests* all components of the Movement to continue supporting and providing adequate resources for the implementation of the recommendations, including through the adoption of the necessary changes in their own training, procedures and operational policies and practices.