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DRAFT ZERO RESOLUTION

ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS

The Council of Delegates,

Expressing its deep concern about mental health and psychosocial needs that arise as a consequence of armed conflict, natural disasters and other emergencies, including those arising as a result of migration, and recognizing the urgent need to increase efforts to address them;

Recognizing the respective roles and mandates of the different components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in working to protect the health and dignity of the men, women, boys and girls affected;

Acknowledging the important work that is currently being carried out by the different components of the Movement to respond to mental health and psychosocial needs;

Recognizing that the mental health of the Movement's volunteers and staff is often affected in the course of their work;

Recognizing the need for the Movement to address these consequences in a coherent manner, mindful of the respective roles of the various components of the Movement;

Acknowledging the existing normative frameworks protecting mental health, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law;

Recalling and reaffirming Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement commitments to take action to respond to mental health and psychosocial needs.

1. *Encourages* National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC, in carrying out the roles entrusted to them, to address the mental health and psychosocial needs of affected populations through their prevention, assistance and protection work;
2. *Requests* National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC to specifically address the mental health and psychosocial needs of volunteers and staff;
3. *Calls upon* the Movement to contribute to focusing greater global attention on the mental health and psychosocial needs of populations affected by armed conflict, natural disasters and other emergencies;
4. *Requests* the formulation of a Movement Policy on Addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs that builds on common approaches and contributes to the harmonization of different Movement responses, developed through a collaborative process, actively

engaging National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC, and submitted for adoption at the next Council of Delegates in 2019;

5. *Requests* the ICRC, the IFRC and National Societies to consider including the issue in the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.