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The Council of Delegates,

reiterating its deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and the lack of any adequate humanitarian response capacity in the event of their use, the difficulty of envisaging how any use of nuclear weapons could be compatible with the rules of international humanitarian law, and the need for concrete action leading to the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons,

reaffirming its 2011 appeal to all States “to ensure that nuclear weapons are never again used, regardless of their views on the legality of such weapons” and “to pursue in good faith and conclude with urgency and determination negotiations to prohibit the use of and completely eliminate nuclear weapons through a legally binding international agreement, based on existing commitments and international obligations”, as well as the other positions and actions called for in Resolution 1 of the 2011 Council of Delegates and in Resolution 1 of the 2013 Council of Delegates,

commending the efforts of the components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) to implement these resolutions at the national and international levels, including through the workshops for National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (National Societies) held in Nayarit, The Hague and Vienna in 2014 and in Geneva in 2016,

inspired by the high-level Movement conference on nuclear weapons held in Nagasaki in April 2017 and the Nagasaki Action Plan adopted by 34 National Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) with the aim of guiding efforts and stimulating greater engagement by all National Societies and their leaderships in advancing the universal goal of a world free of nuclear weapons,

recalling the Nagasaki Appeal of 26 April 2017, endorsed by 34 National Societies, the ICRC and the IFRC, which urged all States to help change the course of history by participating in the United Nations (UN) conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination,

welcoming the historic adoption by 122 States at the UN on 7 July 2017 of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as an essential step towards their total elimination, and that the treaty clearly and comprehensively prohibits nuclear weapons based on the recognition of their catastrophic humanitarian consequences, international humanitarian law rules, the principles of humanity and the dictates of public conscience,

welcoming also that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons recognizes the efforts undertaken by the Movement in calling for the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and the role that the ICRC, the IFRC and National Societies may play in assisting victims of the testing and use of nuclear weapons and in environmental remediation,

deeply alarmed by the increasing risk that nuclear weapons will again be used by intent, miscalculation or accident, and *stressing* that any risk of use of nuclear weapons is unacceptable given their catastrophic humanitarian consequences,

1. *calls on* all States to promptly sign, ratify and faithfully implement the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
2. *calls on* States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and *calls on* all States Parties to fulfil their obligations and commitments under these treaties;
3. *calls on* all States, in the meantime, to ensure that nuclear weapons are never again used, and *calls in particular on* nuclear-armed and nuclear-allied States to take urgent steps to reduce the risk of intentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons, based on their existing international commitments;
4. *urges* all components of the Movement to promote adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, as well as other international agreements with similar objectives, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and regional treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones, to the extent possible;
5. *adopts* the Action Plan on the Non-use, Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 2018–2021;
6. *urges* all components of the Movement to implement the action plan as a priority in the context of their humanitarian diplomacy efforts, to the extent possible;
7. *invites* the IFRC to play a coordination role in order to facilitate National Societies' efforts to implement the action plan;
8. *further invites* the ICRC to lead the implementation of the Movement's action plan, with support from the IFRC, and to report, as necessary, to the Council of Delegates on the

progress made in the implementation of Resolution 1 of the 2011 Council of Delegates, Resolution 1 of the 2013 Council of Delegates, and this Resolution.

Resolution co-sponsors:

List

Annex

Action Plan on the Non-use, Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 2018–2021