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The Council of Delegates,

deeply concerned by the suffering endured by those who have lost contact with, or have no news of, their loved ones as a consequence of armed conflict, disasters and other emergencies, as well as in the context of migration,

stressing the importance of clarifying the fate of missing persons and restoring contact between separated family members, and *highlighting* in this regard the right of families to know the fate of their relatives, as provided by international humanitarian law (IHL), and *recalling* other relevant international obligations, as applicable,

recalling, in particular, the respective mandates of the components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement), based on the Statutes of the Movement and resolutions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, including the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Central Tracing Agency and the auxiliary role of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (National Societies) in providing support to their respective public authorities in the humanitarian field, including in the implementation of the authorities' obligations under IHL,

reiterating the specific responsibility of National Societies and the ICRC in restoring family links (RFL), *underlining* the unique position of the Movement to carry out this work and *recalling* the importance for the Movement of relying on a sound international Red Cross and Red Crescent network in order to take effective RFL action,

recalling the 2012–2015 progress report on the implementation of the Movement's RFL Strategy submitted to the 2015 Council of Delegates,

1. *takes note* of the report on the RFL Strategy development process presented to the Council of Delegates and *welcomes* the work undertaken;
2. *welcomes* the establishment of a working group for the implementation of the *RFL Code of Conduct on Data Protection* and *calls upon* all Movement components to integrate the provisions of the code into their regulations and working procedures;
3. *expresses its support* for the preliminary main orientations set out in the draft of the new RFL Strategy and for the establishment of an RFL leadership platform as presented in the report and discussed in the workshop;
4. *encourages* the RFL Strategy Implementation Group to continue its work and to submit the finalized new RFL Strategy for adoption at the 2019 Council of Delegates;
5. *calls upon* all National Societies, the ICRC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to continue their efforts to implement the provisions of the current RFL Strategy until the adoption of the new RFL Strategy in 2019.