



# 33rd International Conference

Geneva, 9-12 December 2019

**Power of humanity**  
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**Meeting with the Permanent missions in Geneva on the  
concept and preparation for International Conference  
4 October 2018**





What is the  
International  
Conference  
about?



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It is the supreme deliberative body of the Movement, where all components (the ICRC, IFRC and National Societies) meet with the State Parties to the Geneva Conventions

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It meets every four years

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It is a unique forum where Movement components have the same voice as States

# The 33rd International Conference: *Act today, shape tomorrow*

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Identify  
emerging  
challenges

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Raise  
awareness

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Explore  
actions and  
solutions

# Key themes

Respecting and  
implementing IHL

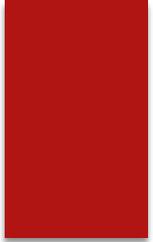
Follow-up of the  
32nd International Conference

The technological  
revolution:  
opportunities  
and threats

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**Act today, shape tomorrow**

Trust in  
humanitarian  
action

Tomorrow's  
humanitarian  
response



# Technological revolution: opportunities and threats

**New weapons, means and methods of  
warfare**

**Data access and protection**

**Bridging the digital divide**

**Integrating technology in humanitarian  
response**



# Tomorrow's humanitarian response

**Working together to improve global  
health care**

**Humanitarian consequences of  
climate change**

**Tackling urban vulnerabilities**



# Trust in humanitarian action

**Fostering integrity and accountability**

**Challenges to delivering neutral, independent and impartial humanitarian action**



# Respecting and implementing IHL

The International Conference will continue important work on strengthening respect for IHL.

The Conference will be invited to consider a four-year action plan on national implementation of existing IHL obligations and a report on contemporary challenges to IHL.

Follow up  
from the  
32nd  
International  
Conference

**Previous Conference resolutions  
to be followed up include:**

Res. 5 'Safety and Security of  
Humanitarian Volunteers'

Res. 3 'Sexual and Gender-based  
Violence'

Res. 8 'Implementation of the MoU and  
Agreement on Operational  
Arrangements between PRCs and  
MDA'

We need  
your  
feedback

12 October 2018

**Does the current framing of the 33rd International Conference reflect the critical issues and conversations that need to be held?**

**Do the topics proposed reflect the most pressing current and future humanitarian concerns?**

**What are the specific discussions and angles on these topics that the Conference should address?**



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