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Strengthening the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement response to growing humanitarian needs

The 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent,

expressing deep concern at the growing humanitarian needs,

stressing the importance of the components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement) to continually strengthen and improve their ability to respond to humanitarian needs through efficient collective action and coordination,

reaffirming the significant ethical and operational value of the seven Fundamental Principles of the Movement for all the components of the Movement in the accomplishment of their humanitarian mission,

recalling the commitments made by States to facilitating the activities and the safe access of the Movement's components and respecting at all times their adherence to the Fundamental Principles,

stressing in particular the importance of a constant dialogue in this regard between States and components of the Movement in order to ensure that States implement relevant commitments set out in international humanitarian law and reflected in the Statutes of the Movement,

encouraging the continuous efforts of the Movement to ensure an efficient, coherent and complementary and principled response to growing humanitarian needs, in accordance with respective mandates, by strengthening internal processes and the culture of cooperation and coordination before, during and after emergencies,

acknowledging the need for the Movement, in pursuing its collective ambition, to have a coherent approach to branding and visual representation for global communication, promotion and fundraising purposes,

affirming the importance of the distinctive emblems recognized under the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols and the primary function of the emblems as a protective device in times of armed conflict, and *emphasizing* the need to preserve and ensure respect for the emblems at all times in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and with the Regulations on the Use of the Emblem of the Red Cross or the Red Crescent by the National Societies (Emblem Regulations), as adopted by the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (International Conference) in 1965 and revised by the Council of Delegates in 1991, with subsequent endorsement by the States parties to the Geneva Conventions

also affirming the responsibility of States, in cooperation with their National Societies, to protect the integrity of the distinctive emblems, as set out in the Statutes of the Movement,

taking note of the decision of the 19th Session of the General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (International Federation) endorsing the "Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance," and requesting that they be presented to the International Conference,

recalling and reaffirming the past commitments adopted by the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and in particular Resolution 1 and its annexed Declaration “Together for Humanity” as adopted by the 30th International Conference, and Resolution 3 “Migration: ensuring access, dignity, respect for diversity and social inclusion” as adopted by the 31st International Conference,

noting the adoption by the 2015 Council of Delegates of the Movement statement “Ensuring collective action to protect and respond to the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants”,

1. *notes* the adoption by the 2015 Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement of the “Vision for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,” *strives* to support the components of the Movement in living up to this vision, and *calls upon* States to support and facilitate the Movement in achieving this aim;
2. *recalls* States’ commitment to respect at all times the adherence by all the components of the Movement to the Fundamental Principles, and *urges* States and National Societies to maintain a constant dialogue regarding respect for and adherence to the Principles, to ensure that every country has the full benefit of a neutral and impartial auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field, and one which remains autonomous in carrying out its humanitarian activities for the most vulnerable;
3. *welcomes* the commitments made during the 2013 and 2015 Councils of Delegates to “strengthening Movement coordination and cooperation,” aimed at increasing operational coordination and cooperation in both preparedness and response, and *urges* the Movement components to continue their efforts to serve affected populations in the most effective and inclusive manner possible;
4. *takes note* of the initiative of the Movement components adopting a Movement logo for exceptional use in representation, communication, global fundraising and promotional activities, and *stresses* the commitment of Movement components to only display the Movement logo in accordance with the conditions and rules governing its use in order to ensure that it is coherent with existing regulations and is complementary to the existing logos of individual Movement components;
5. *encourages* States to recognize as appropriate the Movement logo and facilitate its use on their territory, in compliance with applicable national and international law and in conformity with the 1991 Emblem Regulations;
6. *endorses* the “Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance” as revised by the General Assembly of the International Federation in 2013, which govern National Societies and their International Federation in international humanitarian assistance (excluding armed conflict, internal strife and their direct results); *requests* States to facilitate and support the implementation of these Principles and Rules; and *recalls* the auxiliary role of National Societies to their public authorities in the humanitarian field;
7. *welcomes* the initiative of the Movement to share its unique perspective and experience with the World Humanitarian Summit, thereby complementing the efforts of other humanitarian actors to address the most pressing humanitarian challenges.