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

taking note of the report on the Augusta Fund submitted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC),

also taking note of the lack of sustainability of the Augusta Fund,

further taking note of the ICRC's proposals concerning the Regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal,

recalling the purposes of the Augusta Fund and the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund,

1. *requests* the ICRC to make arrangements for the dissolution of the Augusta Fund and the transfer of its capital to the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund;
2. *approves* the new Regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal, which read as follows:

Regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal

Amended text adopted by the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

(Geneva, 2015)

Article 1

In accordance with the recommendation of the 8th International Conference of the Red Cross held in London in 1907, and the decision of the 9th International Conference held in Washington in 1912, a Fund was established by contributions from National Red Cross Societies in memory of the great and distinguished services of Florence Nightingale for the improvement of the care of the wounded and the sick.

The income from the Fund shall be used for the distribution of a Medal, to be called the "Florence Nightingale Medal," to honour the spirit which marked the whole life and work of Florence Nightingale.

Article 2

The Florence Nightingale Medal may be awarded to qualified male or female nurses and also to male or female voluntary nursing aides, active members or regular helpers of a National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society or of an affiliated medical or nursing institution.

The Medal may be awarded to those of the above-mentioned persons who have distinguished themselves in time of peace or war by:

- exceptional courage and devotion to the wounded, sick or disabled or to civilian victims of a conflict or disaster;*
- exemplary services or a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of prevention, public health or nursing education.*

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The Medal may be awarded posthumously if the prospective recipient has fallen on active service.

Article 3

The Medal shall be awarded by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on proposals made to it by National Societies.

Article 4

The Medal shall be in silver-gilt with a portrait on the obverse of Florence Nightingale with the words "Ad memoriam Florence Nightingale 1820-1910." On the reverse it shall bear the inscription on the circumference "Pro vera misericordia et cara humanitate perennis decor universalis." The name of the holder and the date of the award of the Medal shall be engraved in the centre.

The Medal shall be attached by a red and white ribbon to a laurel crown surrounding a red cross.

The Medal shall be accompanied by a diploma on parchment.

Article 5

The Medal shall be presented in each country either by the Head of the State, or by the President of the Central Committee of the National Society directly or by their substitutes.

The ceremony shall take place with a solemnity consistent with the distinction of the honour conferred.

Article 6

The distribution of the Florence Nightingale Medal shall take place every two years.

Not more than 50 Medals may be issued at any one distribution.

If by reason of exceptional circumstances due to a widespread state of war it has been impossible for one or more distributions to take place, the number of Medals awarded at subsequent distributions may exceed the figure of 50 but may not exceed the total number which would normally have been attained, if the preceding distributions had been able to take place.

Article 7

From the beginning of September of the year preceding the year in which the Medal is awarded, the ICRC shall invite the Central Committees of the National Societies by means of a circular and application forms to submit the names of the candidates they consider qualified to be awarded a Medal, in accordance with the conditions mentioned in Article 2.

Article 8

The Central Committees of the National Societies, having taken all requisite advice, shall submit to the ICRC the names and qualifications of the candidates they propose.

To enable the ICRC to operate a fair selection, the candidates' names shall be accompanied by all relevant information justifying an award of the Medal, in accordance with the criteria mentioned in Article 2.

All applications submitted must come from the Central Committee of a National Society.

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The Central Committees may submit one or more applications, but are not bound to submit applications for each distribution.

Article 9

The applications with the reasons in support of them must reach the ICRC by 1 February of the year in which the award of the Medal is to take place.

Applications reaching the International Committee after that date cannot be considered except in connection with a subsequent award.

Article 10

The ICRC retains complete freedom of choice. It may refrain from awarding the total number of Medals contemplated, if the qualifications of the applicants submitted do not appear to merit this distinguished honour.

Article 11

The ICRC shall issue on the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, namely on 12 May, a circular informing the Central Committees of the National Societies of the names of those to whom the Medal has been awarded.

Article 12

The Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement shall be empowered to study and decide on any change to the Regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal.

The present Regulations, adopted by the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva in 2015, supersede all previous rules relating to the Florence Nightingale Medal, in particular those of the 9th International Conference (Washington, 1912), the Regulations of 24 December 1913 and the amendments thereto by the 10th International Conference (Geneva, 1921), the 13th International Conference (The Hague, 1928), the 15th International Conference (Tokyo, 1934), the 18th International Conference (Toronto, 1952), the 24th International Conference (Manila, 1981) and the Council of Delegates (Budapest, 1991).¹

¹ Following the postponement of the 26th International Conference, the ICRC submitted these Regulations for the approval of the States party to the Geneva Conventions, which had six months in which to voice any objections. Since no objection was raised by that deadline, the Regulations were considered as adopted and came into force on 30 June 1992.