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**Draft Provisional Agenda  
and Programme**

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### **Monday 9 December**

#### **OPENING PLENARY OF THE CONFERENCE (5pm)**

##### **Opening ceremony**

##### **1. Welcome addresses**

- Chair of the Standing Commission
- Federal Councilor and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

##### **2. Reading of the Fundamental Principles**

##### **3. Election of the Conference officers and establishment of the Conference subsidiary bodies (commissions and drafting committee)**

##### **4. Keynote addresses**

- President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

##### **5. Organization of work**

- Drafting committee, commissions, plenaries, pledges
- Procedure for electing the members of the Standing Commission

##### **6. Outcomes of the Movement's Council of Delegates**

- Report on relevant discussions and decisions of the Council of Delegates on issues such as the Movement's Statement on Integrity, the Policy on Addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs, the Strategy for Restoring Family Links and the Statement on Migration, and on the commitment to improve gender balance, diversity and transparency in the election of the Standing Commission.

##### **Cocktail reception**

*hosted by the Swiss authorities*

## Tuesday 10 December

### **NETWORKING BREAKFAST: CONNECTING AROUND A COMMON PURPOSE**

#### **PLENARY:**

##### **7. Act today, shape tomorrow**

*Introduces the Conference and sets the scene for three days of exploring, learning about and deciding on humanitarian action in light of current and future challenges.*

#### **COMMISSION I: Strengthening and respecting international humanitarian law (IHL)**

**Plenary session** will set the scene for the subsequent spotlight sessions on strengthening national implementation of IHL and on addressing challenges to contemporary armed conflicts including new technologies, gender and urban warfare.

**Spotlight sessions** will be a platform for smaller, interactive group debates on specific topics related to the strengthening and respecting IHL.

**Plenary session** will resume to connect the debates that took place during the spotlight sessions and preview the next day.

#### **NETWORKING, EXHIBITIONS AND SIDE EVENTS**

*This break will be one of several opportunities for participants to connect with one another, take part in side events and visit the exhibitions and installations at the Conference.*

#### **FOR THE RECORD: VOICES FROM THE CONFERENCE**

*Participants and observers will be able to share statements for the official record. The exact format is to be confirmed.*

#### **DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

*The drafting committee will work in parallel to the other sessions of the Conference from the afternoon of Tuesday 10 December to lunchtime on the 12 December.*

**Meet the candidates for election to the Standing Commission**  
*(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

## Wednesday 11 December

### **COMMISSION II: Shifting vulnerabilities**

**Plenary session** will set the scene for the subsequent spotlight sessions on shifting vulnerabilities in relation to migration and displacement, health, the humanitarian consequences of climate change, urbanization and digital transformation, among others.

**Spotlight sessions** will be a platform for smaller, interactive group debates on specific topics related shifting vulnerabilities.

**Plenary session** will resume to connect the debates that took place during the spotlight sessions and preview the next day.

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### **FOR THE RECORD: VOICES FROM THE CONFERENCE**

*Runs throughout the day.*

### **DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

*Runs throughout the day.*

### **PLENARY:**

#### **8. Election of the Members of the Standing Commission**

- Explanation of election proceedings
- Roll call and electronic voting
- Announcement of results or continuation of election

## Thursday 12 December

### **COMMISSION III: Trust in humanitarian action**

**Plenary session** to set the scene for the subsequent spotlight sessions on the role of the Movement and States in fostering and maintaining trust in humanitarian action, with a specific focus on issues related to accountability and humanitarian space.

**Spotlight sessions** will be a platform for smaller and interactive group debates on selected issues which are central to fostering and maintaining trust in humanitarian action.

**Plenary session** will resume to connect the debates that took place during the spotlight sessions and with those covered in the first two days of the Conference.

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## **FOR THE RECORD: VOICES FROM THE CONFERENCE**

*Runs until lunchtime.*

## **DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

*Runs until lunchtime.*

## **PLENARY: REPORTS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **9. Progress reports**

- Report on Resolution 1, “Strengthening international humanitarian law protecting persons deprived of their liberty” (32IC/15/R1)
- Report on Resolution 2, “Strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law” (32IC/15/R2)
- Report on Resolution 3, “Sexual and gender-based violence: Joint action on prevention and response” (32IC/15/R3)
- Report on Resolution 5, “The safety and security of humanitarian volunteers” (32IC/15/R5)
- Report on Resolution 8, “Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on Operational Arrangements dated 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and Magen David Adom in Israel” (32IC/15/R8)

### **10. Report on the work of the 33rd International Conference in commissions and spotlight sessions, and overview of pledges**

### **11. Report of the drafting committee**

### **12. Adoption of the resolutions of the 33rd International Conference (exact titles TBC)**

### **13. Closing of the 33rd International Conference**