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(SMCC 2.0)**

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Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC 2.0)

The Council of Delegates,

acknowledging the continuously growing demands on humanitarian actors to respond more efficiently to increasingly complex emergencies on a greater scale,

acknowledging the continued competition within the humanitarian sector, to which the Movement is not immune,

confirming the imperative for the Movement to be a leading, well-coordinated and cost-effective humanitarian network that ensures, at all times, the best possible collaboration and complementarity between domestic and international response and related preparedness,

reaffirming the need for the Movement to be able to scale up and conduct coherent and measurable responses to medium- and large-scale emergencies in order to maximize the support collectively provided to vulnerable, at-risk and affected people and communities,

recalling Resolution 1 of the 2017 and 2015 Council of Delegates and Resolution 4 of the 2013 Council of Delegates, all of which tasked the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), together with National Societies, with continuing their joint work on strengthening Movement coordination and cooperation (ref. CD/17/R1, CD/15/R1 and CD/13/R4),

further recalling Resolution 6 of the 1997 Council of Delegates, which adopted the “Agreement on the Organization of the International Activities of the Components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” (the Seville Agreement); Resolution 8 of the 2005 Council of Delegates, which adopted the “Supplementary Measures to Enhance the Implementation of the Seville Agreement”; and their follow-up reports as foundations of Movement coordination and cooperation,

noting with appreciation the continuous and demonstrated improvements in Movement coordination and cooperation as well as the mindset change since the 2013 Council of Delegates and *thanking* all the Movement components concerned for their steady and concrete support and contributions,

welcoming the report on the implementation of the most recent Council of Delegates resolution on SMCC (R1/CD17) and its main conclusion, which is annexed to this resolution, and *acknowledging* the value of exploring, testing and critically evaluating new approaches, as was done for the One International Appeal fund-raising approach, in the spirit of working together,

mindful that the quality of Movement coordination in operations, which has seen a growing number of successes but has yet to reach its full potential, requires evidence-based understanding of the conditions that contribute to and positively or negatively influence the collective impact and cost-effectiveness of the Movement response,

acknowledging the need to continue transformational areas of work, such as achieving the interoperability of systems, as they require a continued longer-term commitment, while also exploring additional areas of work, given the growing importance of agile and interconnected systems to achieve operational complementarity and to ensure the readiness of the Movement to respond to future needs,

recognizing that, in order to reach its full potential, the SMCC process must be taken to a new level in terms of impact and scale, must maintain a purely operational focus, must continue promoting and fostering the right mindset in all circumstances and needs a new impetus, with much more solid commitment and investment from all Movement components,

The Council of Delegates resolves as follows:

1. *welcomes* and *endorses* the report on the implementation of the 2017 Council of Delegates resolution on SMCC and the recommendations which summarize the main findings of the report; *Note that this point will be further developed once the report is available in July 2019.*
2. *accepts* the proposed rebranding of the initiative as Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation 2.0 (SMCC 2.0) which reflects continuity in the process to date while also demonstrating the willingness to elevate and bring a new impetus to the SMCC;
3. *endorses* the SMCC 2.0 priorities identified in the report, which aim to improve the capacity of the Movement to efficiently provide complementary responses to medium- and large-scale emergencies, with workstreams focusing on:
 - a. ensuring efficient and well-coordinated use of conferred responsibilities in support of the conduct of operations and in influencing stakeholders at every level
 - b. increasing the funding share and reinforcing the visibility of Movement operations by ensuring Movement-wide consistent data collection and management as well as the provision of timely information on the Movement footprint to internal and external stakeholders
 - c. pursuing the development of the interoperability of systems to ensure agile and flexible support to operations
 - d. developing quality-controlled and complementary capacity mapping to ensure operations are provided with adequate and efficient competencies, including domestic ones
 - e. ensuring Movement readiness for response by employing existing SMCC tools, reflecting on whether other tools are required, developing an evidence base on what works well in coordination and considering different operational models to suit different contexts
 - f. promoting complementary domestic and international response while ensuring the coherent and sustained development of local capacities, including in resource mobilization and in alignment with the localization agenda
 - g. enhancing the scalability of the response in large-scale crises in a manner that reinforces the position of the Movement as a key global responder;
4. *requests* the existing Steering Group, in close consultation with National Societies, as further detailed in article 5 below, to continue driving and monitoring the process, ensuring Movement-wide contributions and buy-in and reporting regularly to the Standing Commission and to all Movement components on progress;

5. *requests* the increased involvement of all Movement components, especially National Societies, in the development and implementation of activities and mechanisms linked with the above priorities and therefore *calls for* the creation of a National Society Reference Group to advise and support the Steering Group on a regular basis on the general direction of SMCC 2.0 and to promote and advocate for its implementation;
6. *recommends* the creation of an operational SMCC 2.0 unit reporting to the Steering Group and comprising personnel from the ICRC, the IFRC and National Societies, who will be responsible for guiding the implementation of this resolution by all Movement components;
7. *welcomes* the implementation of the new priorities over a four-year period so that outcomes can be better evidenced, with a comprehensive mid-term progress report to be presented at the Council of Delegates in 2021.