

**32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference**  
**End of term review on progress made on the implementation of**  
**RESOLUTIONS and PLEDGES**

**Country:** **Switzerland**  
**State**



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Domain Humanitarian Aid and SHA / Multilateral Humanitarian Affairs  
Division

## Resolution 7: Strengthening the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement response to growing humanitarian needs

1 Has your government engaged with the National Society on the implementation of “Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance”? Please tick the appropriate box below

Yes

2 If yes, please describe the activities undertaken:

Strengthening the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement response is a priority for Switzerland.

- This commitment is referenced to in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ICRC and Switzerland, renewed in 2017, as well as in - the first in history - tripartite MoU between Switzerland, the Swiss Red Cross and the IFRC, signed in 2016.
- The movement's relevance and strengths and the capacities of the National Societies are supported by advocating for and contributions to various projects:
  - Switzerland has considerably increased its support on expertise level as well as financially to the 33rd International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference in 2019. This enabled an efficient preparation of the conference and an improved involvement of National Societies and modern means of communication to reach out to young people.
  - Switzerland's initiative to strengthen the capacities of National Societies with the National Society Investment Alliance Fund (NSIA) has been implemented. Since 2019 National Societies can profit from financial support out of the NSIA, which is jointly managed by the IFRC and the ICRC. Switzerland acts as the main donor to the NSIA Fund.
  - Switzerland has doubled its contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the IFRC, a mechanism that helps National Societies to react immediately to emergency needs after a natural disaster.