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**Movement Approach to Strengthening National Society Statutory
and Constitutional Base and Complementary Frameworks such as
the Volunteer Charter**

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENT TO RESOLUTION
AND
PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT ICRC/INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL SOCIETY STATUTES**

**Document prepared by the Joint ICRC/International Federation
Commission for National Society Statutes**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report describes the progress achieved by National Societies in strengthening their statutory and legal base instruments since the last Council of Delegates (November 2017). It is also submitted as a background report to Resolution [XX] on the *Movement's approach to strengthening National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks*.

The first part of the Report highlights the new approaches developed within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement) to strengthen the statutory and constitutional base instruments and complementary frameworks of National Societies, following the completion of the [Guidance for National Society Statutes 2018](#) (Guidance Document). It further confirms the commitment of National Societies to review their statutes, constitutions and by-laws in accordance with the standards of the Guidance Document within the next five years and to continue to conduct a regular and periodic reviews of their statutory base instruments and complementary frameworks at least once every ten years. The Report also describes the activities that have been carried out by the Movement and the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes (Joint Statutes Commission) since the adoption of the Guidance Document by the Governing Board of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in October 2018 and its entry into effect.

The second part of the Report describes the work accomplished by the Joint Statutes Commission in the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2019 in the realization of its dual mandate to i) advise National Societies on reviewing and revising their statutory and legal base documents and to ii) examine the applications of new National Societies for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as components of the Movement and for admission to the IFRC.

In this period, the Joint Statutes Commission welcomed its new chairperson – Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent. At the time of completing this Report, the Joint Statutes Commission had prepared, during the reporting period, close to 94 letters which included its recommendations to National Societies on the soundness of their statutes and/or recognition acts (laws or decrees) and the latter's compliance with the Movement's agreed standards. The Joint Statutes Commission's assessment showed that the majority of National Societies remain engaged in processes to review or revise their statutes (approximately 60 per cent), while approximately 30 per cent of National Societies have adopted statutes that meet the minimum requirements. Lastly, it may be noted that, of the 32 National Societies that have so far revised their statutory base instruments in line with the new Guidance Document, eight have been deemed to meet all the "MUSTs" for statutory and constitutional base texts.

Since the last report, one new National Society, the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society, has been recognized by the ICRC (December 2017) and provisionally admitted to the IFRC (June 2018).

In order to fulfil the commitments defined in Resolution [XX], the following recommendations are made:

- for National Societies – inclusion of the review of their statutory base and complementary frameworks as a key commitment in their own development processes;
- for the IFRC and the ICRC – formulation of a specific tailored National Society development offer in such areas as integrity risk prevention and management, and volunteering;
- for the Joint Statutes Commission, the ICRC and the IFRC – development of a new and strengthened approach for effective and contextualized advice and support to National

Societies to help them strengthen their legal and statutory base and related frameworks, giving due consideration to the wide variety of approaches, traditions and contexts and ensuring a more direct dialogue with National Societies.

1) INTRODUCTION¹

One of the central attributes that National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies must have to be able to deliver sustained, relevant and principled humanitarian services to vulnerable people is a strong and modern statutory or constitutional base and complementary legal and policy frameworks. These increase a National Society's efficiency and ability to adapt to changing realities and represent a key condition for preserving a National Society's integrity, ensuring its ability to perform its mandates and roles effectively and maintaining the quality and reach of its humanitarian services. Sound statutory or constitutional base texts also increase a National Society's ability to act at all times in accordance with the Movement's mission and Fundamental Principles.

The commitment of National Societies to periodically review and strengthen their legal and statutory or constitutional base frameworks in accordance with the Movement's agreed standards is a longstanding one that has been affirmed in resolutions adopted by the statutory meetings of the Movement, including both the Council of Delegates and the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. This commitment was most recently reiterated at the level of the Movement in Resolution 4 adopted by the 2011 Council of Delegates, which also reaffirmed the mandate of the ICRC, the IFRC and the Joint Statutes Commission to support and advise National Societies in this respect.

Moreover, the States, National Societies, the ICRC and the IFRC undertook, through Resolution 4 "Furthering the auxiliary role: Partnership for stronger National Societies and volunteering development" adopted at the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, "to enhance their work to strengthen the legal base of National Societies, specifically in regard to the statutes of National Societies in view of creating more effective, accountable and transparent National Societies that are able to adhere at all times to the Fundamental Principles, and welcomes the continued commitment of National Societies to achieve this goal".

As previously reported, the Guidance Document was developed during the period from 2016 to 2018, aiming to equip National Societies and their leadership with an appropriate tool to be used to strengthen a National Society's statutory or constitutional base. The document is aligned with existing rules and policies, bridges gaps and is intended to be inspirational. It also aims to offer much more flexible and customized approaches and to allow National Societies to opt for solutions that are tailored to their own national legal, cultural and operational contexts. The IFRC General Assembly held in December 2017 welcomed the new approach for National Society statutes, as included in the draft version of the Guidance Document. In October 2018, the IFRC Governing Board adopted the final text of the document. It also encouraged the Joint Statutes Commission and all National Societies to make use of the new Guidance Document from the time of its adoption.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the previous Joint Statutes Commission's report submitted to the Council of Delegates in 2017 (CD/17/19), the review of the Guidance for National Society Statutes was initiated in 2016. It came in response to the recognition that the previous version of the

¹ For the sake of simplicity, in this report the term "National Society statutes" will be used to refer to National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks.

Guidance had become outdated and did not sufficiently reflect the diversity of statutory practices and organizational models that currently exist among National Societies.

The review was led by a core group which included high-level representatives (presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries general, etc.) of the following ten National Societies – Argentine Red Cross, Burundi Red Cross, Cook Islands Red Cross Society, Danish Red Cross, Haiti Red Cross Society, Mongolian Red Cross Society, Palestine Red Crescent Society, Spanish Red Cross, Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan and the Uganda Red Cross Society – in addition to representatives of the IFRC and the ICRC serving on the Joint Statutes Commission. The Group's composition reflected different regions, languages, types of National Societies, national legal, cultural and operational contexts, gender, age, etc. The president of the Danish Red Cross chaired the Core Group, and the British Red Cross and the German Red Cross provided financial support for the review process.

During the process undertaken to develop the Guidance Document, the Core Group conducted several consultations with all the National Societies. The most comprehensive consultation took place during the 2017 IFRC General Assembly, when three parallel workshop sessions involved participants from almost all the National Societies, who discussed the topics of leadership, compliance and integrity and volunteering, among others. With the participation of the ICRC and IFRC representatives in the Core Group, the perspectives, experience and input of the Joint Statutes Commission were also brought to the process. In addition, the IFRC Audit and Risk Commission, Compliance and Mediation Committee, Finance Commission, Youth Commission and Governing Board Working Group on Strong National Societies and Volunteering were consulted on specific elements of the Guidance Document which relate to their specific mandates or area of expertise. Similarly, relevant ICRC departments, cooperation file holders in the field and National Society development experts were also invited to provide their perspective.

As requested by the 2017 IFRC General Assembly, the Governing Board adopted the final text of the Guidance Document during its 38th session (Geneva, 9–11 October 2018). Since October 2018, more than 32 National Societies have submitted the texts of their statutes, revised in line with the standards set out in the Guidance Document, to the Joint Statutes Commission.

Progress Report – work of the Joint Statutes Commission

In line with previous resolutions adopted by the International Conference and the Council of Delegates, the Joint Statutes Commission continued to deliver on its twofold mandate to:

- provide recommendations on the legal base of National Societies, including National Society recognition acts (laws and decrees) and National Society statutory base instruments, by assessing the compliance of draft/revised/amended texts of National Society statutes, as well as of Red Cross/Red Crescent laws/decrees against the standards agreed by the Movement;
- assess applications for recognition as a component of the Movement by the ICRC and for admission to the IFRC received from new Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations and make recommendations in this regard to the ICRC and IFRC.

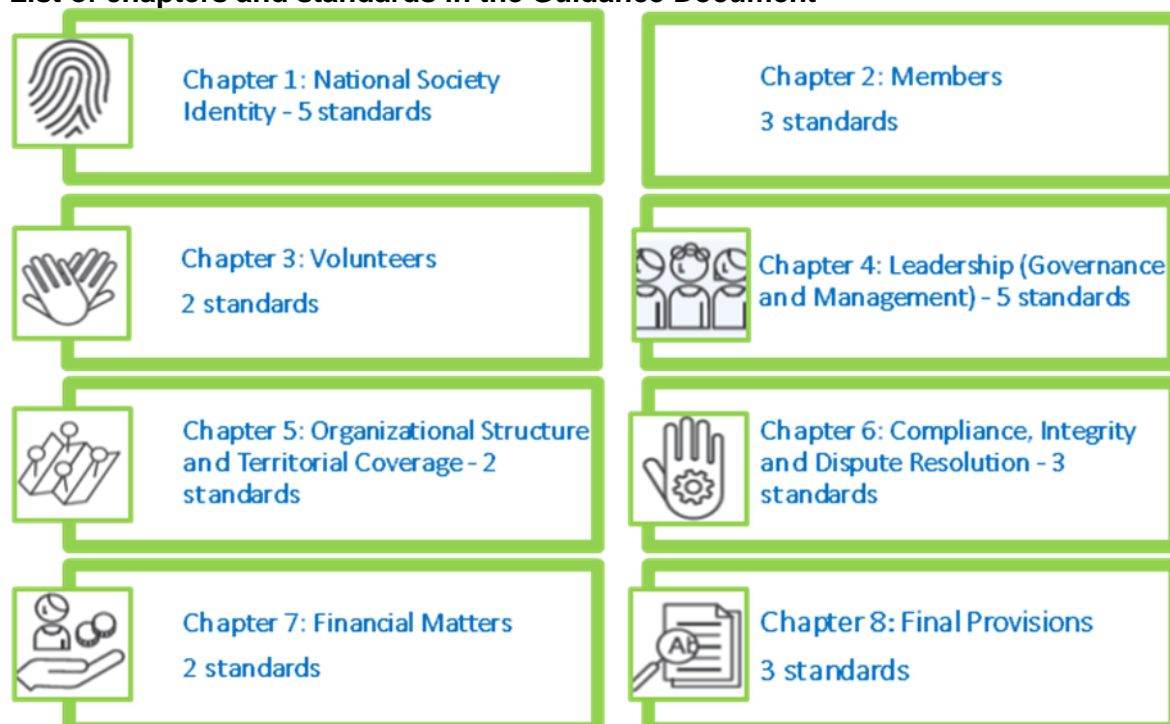
Up to October 2018, National Societies used the previous Guidance Document when revising their statutes, and the Joint Statutes Commission assessed compliance of the draft statutory base texts of National Societies with the minimum requirements established in that Guidance. However, as of October 2018, National Societies began using the revised Guidance, and the Joint Statutes Commission has been assessing the statutes it receives in accordance with the standards included in the revised version.

2) ANALYSIS/PROGRESS

Background to the new Guidance for National Society Statutes

The Guidance Document consists of 25 standards, set out in eight chapters: National Society Identity, Members, Volunteers, Leadership (Governance and Management), Organizational Structure and Territorial Coverage, Compliance, Integrity and Dispute Resolution, Financial Matters and Final Provisions. The chapters on Volunteers and Integrity, Compliance and Dispute Resolution are entirely new, and some new content has been included in other chapters, e.g. in the Leadership chapter (highlighting different leadership models and with a stronger focus on checks and balances) and in the Final Provisions chapter (dissemination of statutes throughout the National Society).

List of chapters and standards in the Guidance Document



The standards define the requirements that must be met by a National Society's statutes, constitution or by-laws. They are further divided into *Must* and *Could* elements. *Must* elements have to be met or safeguarded for compliance with the standards, while *Could* elements are included as recommendations or inspirational suggestions for some of the standards. A key component of the Guidance is the illustrations which put forward real examples to provide a fuller understanding of the standards and potential approaches for meeting its "Must" and/or "Could" elements. Most of the illustrations figure in the electronic on-line version of the document, which is intended to be continuously updated and supplemented with further examples of National Society statutory and constitutional approaches.

Since October 2018, the Joint Statutes Commission has already received 32 draft/revised/amended National Society statutes (16 per cent of all National Societies) for its assessment and recommendations on the basis of the new Guidance Document. It is encouraging to note that out of the 32 received, the revised statutory texts of the following National Societies – Cook Islands Red Cross Society, El Salvador Red Cross, Hellenic Red Cross, Nigerian Red Cross Society, the Solomon Islands Red Cross, Tanzania Red Cross

Society, Vanuatu Red Cross Society and Zambia Red Cross Society – have been assessed to meet the standards of the new Guidance Document.

While the activities to implement the new Guidance Document are ongoing, the Joint Statutes Commission has been engaged in developing the Guidance Document's roll-out strategy. The first step was to introduce the Guidance Document to all National Societies, which will be done by means of a joint ICRC, IFRC and Joint Statutes Commission letter sent out to all National Societies (at the time of completing this report, this send-out is being processed). The same communication shall also present plans for a new Guidance Document website (<https://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/guidance-for-national-society-statutes-2018/>). The website is designed to include the following three main blocks: how to use the Guidance Document, illustrations and some basic facts about the Joint Statutes Commission. Information on further updates to the website will be sent out in the future as progress is made in completing the Guidance with additional illustrations of National Society approaches and *good practices*. The new website will ensure that all National Societies can easily access the Guidance Document and other useful related material in five languages.

In the meantime, the Joint Statutes Commission, the ICRC and the IFRC are in the process of considering additional channels for ensuring the effective roll-out and promotion of the new Guidance Document, including:

- Designing a training model on implementation of the Guidance Document standards for a selected group of practitioners from National Societies, the ICRC and the IFRC. Once this group has been trained, it will be available to support National Societies when they start revising their statutes. There are also plans to train some participants in existing networks within the Movement (legal advisors, leadership groups), who will support their peers.
- Creating a simple model to measure the level of compliance of the statutes of National Societies against the standards of the Guidance Document.

Progress report

On 1 January 2019, the Joint Statutes Commission welcomed its new chairperson, Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent, who succeeded Mr René Kosirnik when his term came to an end on 31 December 2018. Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent most recently serves as a member of the UNHCR's Independent Audit and Oversight Committee and as a member of the ILO's Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Prior to this, Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent held a wide variety of positions in the IFRC and in her own National Society. The arrival of the new chairperson *has neatly coincided with the roll-out and first stages of the use of the revised Guidance Document* and approach to strengthening National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks.

National Society statutes

During the reporting period, several National Societies continued with the revision of their statutory base instruments (statutes, constitutions, by-laws, rules, internal regulations and policies). Based on the draft statutory documents received, the Joint Statutes Commission prepared over 94 letters which included recommendations to National Societies on fulfilling the requirements for National Society statutes. The Commission's recommendations and advice were mainly shared with National Societies by means of formal letters, as is its usual practice. In many instances, these letters were accompanied by direct dialogue established by IFRC or ICRC field representations or by Commission members with National Society leaders, senior management and/or legal staff.

Out of a total of 94 letters, 66 included suggestions and recommendations on improving National Society statutes, specifically:

- 14 letters sent to National Societies in Europe and Central Asia (approx. 21 per cent);
- 11 letters to National Societies in the Middle East (1) and Asia Pacific (10) regions (approx. 17 per cent);
- 29 letters to National Societies in Africa (approx. 44 per cent);
- 12 letters to National Societies in the Americas (approx. 18 per cent).

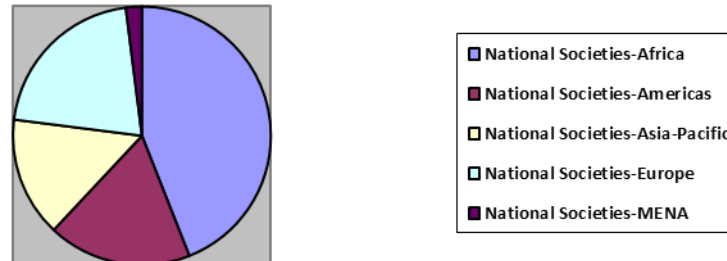


Figure 1: Joint Statutes Commission letters by geographical area

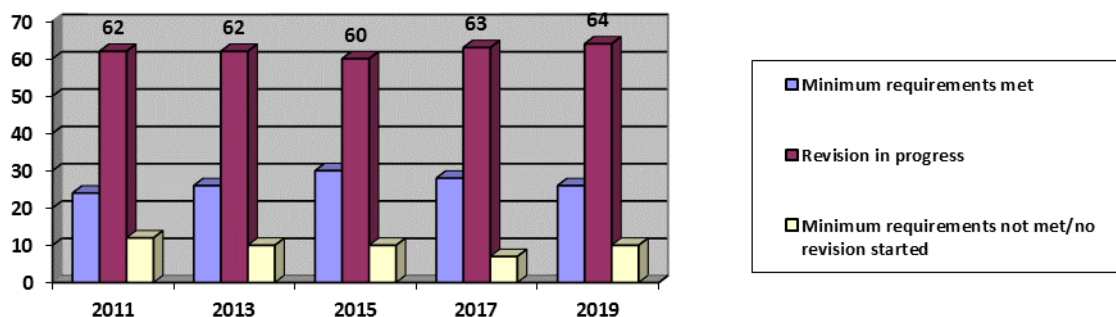
A complete list of the Joint Statutes Commission letters sent in the reporting period is included in this Report as Annex 1.

In addition to the Joint Statutes Commission's formal communications, face-to-face meetings or telephone/Skype conferences were also organized by the Commission with different National Societies, for example, with the Cook Islands Red Cross Society, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society, the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society and the Lebanese Red Cross. There were also meetings organized by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society and with the Constitution Advisory Committee of the Pacific Presidents Network.

According to the Joint Statutes Commission's assessment, the compliance of National Society statutes with the minimum requirements agreed upon within the Movement and defined in the Guidance Document is as follows:

- 50 National Societies have statutory base instruments conforming to the minimum requirements (approx. 26 per cent);
- 122 National Societies remain engaged in an active process of review and revision of their statutory base instruments (approx. 64 per cent);
- 18 National Societies have not yet initiated a revision process or have recently adopted statutes deemed as not meeting the minimum requirements by the Joint Statutes Commission (approx. 10 per cent).

A year-by-year comparison of the figures provided in the Commission's reports submitted to the Council of Delegates from 2011 to the present suggests that the proportion of National Societies with statutes that meet the requirements remains just below 30 per cent. However, the same analysis shows that the largest percentage of National Societies (approximately 60 per cent) are engaged in a process of review or revision of their statutes. Please see the statistics shown below for the period 2011–2019.



More details can be found in the Summary List (*Tableau du Bord*) of the Joint Statutes Commission ([link](#)). Please note that the National Societies who have revised their statutes in line with the standards of the Guidance Document are shown in blue to track the progress of the revision of statutes over the next five years.

National Society acts (laws or decrees)

In the last two years, the Joint Statutes Commission issued a total of 16 letters presenting the Commission's recommendations on draft National Society recognition acts (laws or decrees) with regard to the minimum standards formulated in the [Model law on the recognition of National Societies](#). In several instances, a direct dialogue was also undertaken by the Commission with National Societies in order to review draft National Society laws and to discuss how to define issues relating to the distinct status and privileges to be recognized to a National Society in their domestic legal order. One such example is a meeting organized in Volgograd in May 2019 between the representatives of the Russian Red Cross Society, the Joint Statutes Commission and the IFRC and ICRC regional representatives.

Recognition and admission of new National Societies

On 20 December 2017, the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society (MIRCS) was recognized by the ICRC Assembly as the 191st National Society in the Movement. The MIRCS was then provisionally admitted to the IFRC at the 37th Session of the IFRC's Governing Board (26–28 June 2018), making it eligible for admission to the IFRC by the General Assembly at its first session following the decision of the Governing Board, which will be the 22nd session of the General Assembly (Geneva, 5–7 December 2019).

During the reporting period, the IFRC and the ICRC continued to provide support to the newly established Red Cross Society in the Kingdom of Bhutan. The "Bhutan Red Cross Society" was recognized by the Bhutanese authorities in the Bhutan Red Cross Society Act passed by parliament on 24 November 2016. The National Society conducted its constitutional General Assembly on 5 May 2019. During the General Assembly, the delegates elected the members of the Governing Board and the Finance Commission, adopted the statutes of the National Society and endorsed the progress report for 2018 and the first part of 2019. At the time of writing this report, it is expected that the Bhutan Red Cross Society will submit its application for recognition by the ICRC and admission to the IFRC.

3) RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Successful implementation of the commitments set out in Resolution XX will depend on several resource-related issues. The first issue concerns the resources of National Societies. They will have to invest both human and financial resources in the process of revising their statutes. This includes resources for establishing relevant working groups/steering committees to lead the revision process and provide technical expertise as well as funding for broad and inclusive consultations and the printing and dissemination of the adopted statutes.

At the same time, joint and coordinated support from the Movement partners, including the ICRC, the IFRC and partner National Societies, will be needed to accompany the National Society processes. This support will have to come from both the IFRC and the ICRC delegations at country, cluster, regional and headquarters levels as well as from the Joint Statutes Commission. It will again include human resources (e.g. trainers, coaches and technical expertise) as well as financial resources (e.g. for conducting training and workshops).

The IFRC and the ICRC will provide human resources for the regular work of the Joint Statutes Commission. This includes three members of the Commission from each institution, in addition to one member from the IFRC National Society Development and the ICRC National Society development advisor. The position of chairperson of the Joint Statutes Commission remains *ad honorem*.

4) IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

The Joint Statutes Commission will regularly monitor progress and report to the Council of Delegates on the achievements of the Movement approach to strengthening National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks.

6) CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council of Delegates adopt the Guidance Document at the level of the Movement. With its adoption, all components of the Movement will commit to further strengthening National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks.

The proposed resolution reaffirms the National Societies' commitment to reviewing their statutes within the next five years in line with the standards of the new Guidance Document and continuing to conduct regular and periodic reviews of their statutes, constitutions and by-laws at least once every ten years. By conducting periodic and regular reviews, National Societies will be able to address new developments and challenges resulting from evolving humanitarian needs within their domestic operational contexts as well as the changes in national and international legislation.

The resolution also encourages National Societies to include the review of their statutes in their own development strategies or plans. Making the review of their statutes a key part of their strategies and plans will guarantee regular action that is appropriately planned, implemented and reported on a regular basis. Such action will also be considered at all levels of National Societies. Both the IFRC and the ICRC delegations working directly with National Societies will provide support to them in their respective regions to implement this commitment.

Under the proposed resolution, the IFRC, the ICRC and the Joint Statutes Commission confirm their commitment to support National Societies in order to strengthen National Society statutes. This support will be provided in the form of:

- Advice provided to National Societies on how to bring the texts of their draft/revised/amended statutes and complementary frameworks into line with the standards of the Guidance Document. As previously mentioned, this support will be provided in the form of written communications (Joint Statutes Commission letters, informal recommendations, etc.) or during mutually arranged audio/video meetings. However, the Joint Statutes Commission, the ICRC and the IFRC will develop a new and strengthened approach for effective and contextualized advice and

recommendations to National Societies, taking into consideration the wide variety of approaches and different traditions and contexts.

- A specific and tailored National Society development offer which will be formulated on the basis of the new standards included in the Guidance Document (e.g. new standards related to Integrity, Compliance and Dispute Resolution or Volunteering).
- Support provided to National Societies when they engage with the public authorities concerned to advocate for or look for joint solutions for developing strong statutory or legal base instruments.

In addition, it is planned to:

- further develop the illustrations for the implementation of the various standards;
- further strengthen peer-to-peer approaches through relevant National Society governance or technical networks established at regional or sub-regional levels (e.g. using, as an example, the work of the Constitution Advisory Committee of the Pacific Presidents Network) and through support provided by National Societies working internationally in this field;
- promote and develop a more direct, concrete and contextualized dialogue with National Societies on the basis of the standards set out in the Guidance Document;
- revise the current IFRC e-learning course on strengthening the statutory base and complementary frameworks of National Societies;
- add a new module to the IFRC e-learning course which will be dedicated to the Guidance Document and its standards;
- train a number of individuals from both institutions and National Societies in the use of the Guidance Document and its standards in revision processes through meetings at the national, regional and global level.

Based on the commitments made and the support provided, it is expected that within a period of five years, the majority of National Societies will have revised their statutory base instruments and complementary frameworks. This will entail an extensive learning process in which lessons learned will be used to make further adjustments to the standards set out in the Guidance Document for both National Societies and the Movement. It is expected, for example, that the Movement collectively will learn about other more successful leadership models and that it will collect good examples and good practices in terms of codes of conduct or ethical codes.

Attached:

Annex 1 – List of Joint Statutes Commission communications sent in the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2019.

ANNEX 1

**List of communications of the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for
National Society Statutes
(Reporting period: 1 August 2017–31 July 2019)**

Communications on statutes

No.	National Society	Date of JSC letter
1.	Viet Nam Red Cross Society	10 August 2017
2.	Mozambique Red Cross Society	5 September 2017
3.	Haitian Red Cross Society	17 September 2017
4.	Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo	5 October 2017
5.	Gabonese Red Cross Society	5 October 2017
6.	Cuban Red Cross	10 October 2017
7.	Paraguayan Red Cross	20 October 2017
8.	Norwegian Red Cross	6 November 2017
9.	Red Cross of Cape Verde	15 November 2017
10.	Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo	24 November 2017
11.	Togolese Red Cross	24 November 2017
12.	Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo	5 December 2017
13.	Zimbabwe Red Cross Society	8 January 2018
14.	Paraguayan Red Cross	10 January 2018
15.	Red Cross of Chad	22 January 2018
16.	Paraguayan Red Cross	22 February 2018
17.	Salvadorean Red Cross Society	2 March 2018
18.	Liberia National Red Cross Society	6 March 2018
19.	Paraguayan Red Cross	17 April 2018
20.	Lithuanian Red Cross Society	18 April 2018
21.	Zambia Red Cross Society	24 April 2018
22.	Icelandic Red Cross	24 April 2018
23.	Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan	24 April
24.	Paraguayan Red Cross	24 April 2018

25.	Lebanese Red Cross	26 April 2018
26.	Ethiopian Red Cross Society (adopted Charter)	28 May 2018
27.	Zambia Red Cross Society	8 June 2018
28.	Tanzania Red Cross Society	8 June 2018
29.	South Sudan Red Cross	20 June 2018
30.	Zimbabwe Red Cross Society	2 July 2018
31.	Paraguayan Red Cross	16 July 2018
32.	Hellenic Red Cross	16 July 2018
33.	Lithuanian Red Cross Society	26 July 2018
34.	British Red Cross	26 July 2018
35.	Sao Tome and Principe Red Cross	3 October 2018
36.	South Sudan Red Cross	10 October 2018
37.	Malawi Red Cross Society	16 October 2018
38.	Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society	22 October 2018
39.	Hellenic Red Cross	22 October 2018
40.	The Netherlands Red Cross	26 October 2018
41.	Vanuatu Red Cross Society	6 November 2018
42.	Hellenic Red Cross	6 November 2018
43.	Hellenic Red Cross	12 November 2018
44.	Slovenian Red Cross	27 November 2018
45.	Tonga Red Cross Society	4 December 2018
46.	Nigerian Red Cross Society	26 December 2018
47.	Malawi Red Cross Society	27 December 2018
48.	Indonesian Red Cross Society (PMI)	31 December 2018
49.	The Netherlands Red Cross	14 February 2019
50.	Spanish Red Cross	14 February 2019
51.	Congolese Red Cross (Brazzaville)	27 February 2019
52.	Salvadorean Red Cross Society	1 March 2019
53.	Zambia Red Cross Society	26 March 2019

54.	Palau Red Cross Society	3 April 2019
55.	Zambia Red Cross Society	4 April 2019
56.	Congolese Red Cross (Brazzaville)	8 April 2019
57.	Tonga Red Cross Society	8 May 2019
58.	Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society	8 May 2019
59.	Cook Islands Red Cross Society	2 June 2019
60.	Nigerian Red Cross Society	3 June 2019
61.	Angola Red Cross	14 June 2019
62.	The Solomon Islands Red Cross	17 June 2019
63.	Canadian Red Cross	17 June 2019
64.	Tanzania Red Cross Society	9 July 2019
65.	El Salvador Red Cross	19 July 2019
66.	Estonian Red Cross	19 July 2019
Total		66
Africa		29
Americas		12
Asia Pacific		10
Europe and Central Asia		14
Middle East		1

Communications on laws

No.	National Society	Date of JSC Letter
1.	Kiribati Red Cross Society	6 October 2017
2.	Argentine Red Cross	19 October 2017
3.	Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society	6 February 2018
4.	Georgia Red Cross Society	4 June 2018
5.	Mozambique Red Cross Society	3 August 2018
6.	Mozambique Red Cross Society	3 October 2018
7.	Polish Red Cross	10 October 2018
8.	Kiribati Red Cross Society	12 February 2019

9.	Russian Red Cross Society (JSC letter to the NS and joint ICRC/IFRC letter to the Duma)	12 February 2019
10.	Russian Red Cross Society	16 April 2019
11.	Lithuanian Red Cross Society	25 April 2019
12.	Seychelles Red Cross Society	22 May 2019
13.	Angola Red Cross	14 June 2019
14.	The Solomon Islands Red Cross	18 June 2019
15.	Tonga Red Cross Society	30 April 2019
16.	Estonian Red Cross	19 July 2019
Total		16
Africa		3
Americas		1
Asia Pacific		6
Europe and Central Asia		6
Middle East		0

Other communications (sent by the ICRC and the IFRC or by the JSC)

1.	Danish Red Cross (acknowledgment of receipt of their reply to the JSC's recommendations)	5 September 2017
2.	Gabonese Red Cross Society (acknowledgment of receipt of the draft statutes)	5 September 2017
3.	Zambia Red Cross Society (acknowledgment of receipt letter)	6 March 2018
4.	Zimbabwe Red Cross Society (JSC informal comments on the revised constitution)	7 May 2018
5.	Vanuatu Red Cross Society (JSC informal comments on the draft revised constitution)	20 June 2018
6.	Latvian Red Cross (JSC informal comments on the adopted statutes)	9 August 2018
7.	Pakistan Red Crescent (JSC informal comments on the draft constitution, received 27 August 2018, and on the Pakistan Red Crescent Act (No. XV of 1920, as amended in February 1974)	4 September 2018
8.	Informal JSC letter to the Hellenic Red Cross on their draft statutes	21 October 2018
9.	Bhutan Red Cross Society (Joint International Federation/ICRC letter on their draft statutes)	13 March 2019

10.	Bhutan Red Cross Society (Joint International Federation/ICRC appreciation letter on the Secretary General's comments)	24 April 2019
11.	Informal comments on the Danish Red Cross statutes	6 April 2019
12.	Informal comments on the constitution (2006) of the Botswana Red Cross Society	9 May 2019
Total		12
Africa		4
Americas		0
Asia Pacific		3
Europe and Central Asia		
Middle East		1

All letters	
Total	94
Africa	36
Americas	13
Asia Pacific	19
Europe and Central Asia	24
Middle East	2