

## Declaration of candidacy

I, the undersigned, Dr. Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam, Head of the Yemen Red Crescent in Amran Governorate and member of the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent

hereby submit my candidature for the election of members of the Standing Commission by the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2019.

I hereby confirm that I am a member of the Yemen Red Crescent Society, head of its branch in Amran Governorate and member of the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent.

I am fully aware of the functions assigned to the Standing Commission by Article 18 of the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement ("Movement"). I confirm that I satisfy the criteria established in the "Profile for Candidates for Election to the Standing Commission" endorsed in 1995 by the Movement's Council of Delegates.

Furthermore, **I declare that I have not been:**

- involved in the commission of any violation of international humanitarian law or of internationally recognized standards of human rights law;
- the subject of a conviction for a criminal offence or conduct which gave rise to a civil penalty which would otherwise risk the reputation or standing of the Movement;
- sanctioned by any component of the Movement for:
  - violations of any Movement component's Code of Conduct;
  - the display of character or morality incompatible with the seven Fundamental Principles;
  - fraudulent or corrupt conduct; or
  - failure to declare a conflict of interest;
- sanctioned for the violation of laws or policies relating to sexual exploitation, abuse, discrimination or harassment; or
- involved in any major dispute or controversy in or outside the Movement that would otherwise risk the reputation or standing of the Movement,

**which has not been disclosed in my candidature** in the space below.

Please also include in the space below any **other** relevant information **you deem necessary in relation to the above declaration.**



If elected, I am committed to serve in my personal capacity and in the sole interest of the Movement, and to work towards its humanitarian mission, ideals and goals, being guided at all times by the Fundamental Principles of the Movement.

Place and date: Yemen, 2 October 2019,

Signature: Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam [Signed]

## Candidate motivation

My candidacy is motivated by a desire to strengthen and serve the Movement, develop and expand its activities, protect its principles, mobilize more support and resources and represent the volunteers working on the front lines in conflict zones who have found no one to represent them. As a person working on the front lines and holding the Movement and its leaders in deep esteem, I have decided to serve the Movement in a fully devoted and loyal manner and to enrich it with the capabilities and experience that I possess. At the same time, I trust that my friends and partners in other countries will show concern for Yemen and the wars from which we are suffering. It is my hope that we in Yemen and the Arab countries will gain acceptance and status at the top levels of the Movement's leadership hierarchy instead of remaining outside it. I am driven by a desire to make known the sufferings of victims and volunteers and to represent them in a totally sincere, loyal and competent manner within the framework of a Movement that welcomes all volunteers without any discrimination.

Election manifesto:

Candidate for membership of the Standing Commission

Dr. Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam

Republic of Yemen

I am one of the volunteers and leaders of the Yemen Red Crescent Society in which I have been working since 2001 and in which we have made major humanitarian achievements despite all the circumstances with which the country has been beset.

I wanted to present my candidacy for membership of the Standing Commission so that I could act as an ambassador for all the volunteers and leaders who are performing their humanitarian duties and furthering the Movement's endeavours on the front lines. As a trustworthy and active humanitarian spokesperson for all the Movement's members and volunteers, while not claiming to be the best I promise that I will do my best to ensure the well-being of all through devoted service and support for all the National Societies in their efforts to improve their performance and make hitherto unprecedented achievements. If elected to membership of the Standing Commission by virtue of the trust placed in me by faithful humanitarians appreciating the competence and encouraging the participation of the Movement's devoted leaders in countries suffering from conflicts and disasters who are steadfastly upholding its lofty and humanitarian Fundamental Principles, my programme would be as follows:

- To promote humanitarian action, uphold the Movement's principles and mobilize international and local support for all the endeavours and components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
- To enhance the training and capacities of volunteers, provide support for National Red Crescent Societies and institute a true partnership/twinning among all the Movement's components;
- To alleviate human suffering and create opportunities for employment, cooperation and a decent life for all victims of wars and conflicts;

- To strengthen the infrastructure and capacities of National Societies and local authorities to manage natural disasters;
- To counter epidemics; provide more support in health-related fields; rehabilitate health and medical facilities run by National Societies and their branches in order to enable them to operate, render good-quality services and retain staff through payment of adequate salaries; and form fully-equipped field medical teams to make National Societies effective in conflict or disaster zones;
- To alleviate poverty among National Society volunteers and in indigent communities by creating opportunities to earn a living and enjoy a peaceful coexistence through skill enhancement and the provision of sources of income for all categories;
- To improve the humanitarian education of all staff, volunteers and members of the Movement's components and prevent volunteers from dropping out through the provision of incentives, encouragement of those showing talents, and full insurance coverage for all volunteers working on the front lines;
- To provide incentives for senior administrators in National Societies through donor projects to promote transparency and improve administrative performance in each Society and its branches;
- To promote partnership with Governments and authorities in the incorporation of international humanitarian law in academic curricula at all basic, university and higher levels in order to create a conflict and trauma-free generation;
- To upgrade and enhance the educational process in adversely affected communities and combat illiteracy in indigent communities;
- To improve the educational level of volunteers of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies through donor support and the allocation of scholarships to enable National Societies to develop the capacities of their staff so that they can fulfil the functions of humanitarian auxiliaries to all the authorities in every country;
- To strengthen emergency response and fundraising capabilities, alleviate suffering and develop the disaster management capacities of National Societies;
- To boost the communication endeavours of all members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in every possible way, establish a humanitarian communication channel to make the endeavours of the Movement and its staff known to the world while, at the same time, serving as a source of income for the Movement and a means to standardize and integrate the information production units of all the National Societies in every country so that they can become humanitarian messengers of peace to the whole world;
- To open numerous channels of cooperation and partnership with donors in order to improve access to water, enhance agricultural methods and combat hunger so that the Movement can fulfil its humanitarian mandate;
- To disseminate international humanitarian law and standards and draw up agreements with all the parties concerned;
- To create sources of income for National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and their branches in every country so that they can operate in a more efficient and effective manner;
- To promote cooperation and partnership, within the framework of the Movement, between National Society branches and their counterparts in other countries so that they can gain experience and build joint capacities by working together;
- To encourage the drafting of more laws and agreements in every country so that every National Society can protect its Fundamental Humanitarian Principles;

- To develop relations between the Movement's components and mobilize resources and support to enable them to fulfil all the humanitarian tasks assigned to them;
- To support the endeavours of local organizations and promote the development of closer local humanitarian cooperation;
- To establish an emergency reserve, constituted from subscriptions, dues and quotas from any international funding, in every Society as a means to finance endeavours for which funds are not available;
- To hold meetings and conclude agreements with Governments with a view to ensuring that National Societies are supported not solely by donors but also through governmental contributions to their budgets so that they can cover their fixed expenses;
- To promote the conclusion of an agreement between the Movement's components for the establishment of a Movement Bank, with offices in every country, to provide incentives, support activities, assist in the Movement's investments and facilitate financial transfers;
- To establish a fund as an economic mechanism to conduct income-generating investment projects for the Movement and also diversify its sources of income in the event of funding not being provided by donors;
- To develop plans, strategies and programmes and expand information systems to keep pace with technology;
- To promote youth leaderships and expand participation by female leaders;
- To further the development of women and children and promote the value of gender equality in protection and care;
- To continue to develop humanitarian capacities and diplomacy, as well as response operations;
- To build the capacities of volunteers and improve their living conditions in order to enable them to continue their humanitarian work while maintaining a standard of living in keeping with their status as volunteers in the International Movement or in National Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies;
- To formulate a standard Movement-wide humanitarian plan to attract donor support in a uniform manner and hold joint planning conferences for fundraising and the receipt of gifts and donations since the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are the most widespread on land and sea and the volunteers in these Societies and their branches are capable of doing what is required of them provided that the Movement actively supports their endeavours, attracts funding and surpasses other entities. United Nations organizations have succeeded in raising funds through the endeavours of local National Societies, and have even taken over many tasks that were formerly assigned to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in conflict zones, by virtue of their skill in mobilizing donors and marketing humanitarian response plans. The Movement could do the same if it had someone to set the wheels in motion. I would help to get things moving in order to support the Movement and strengthen its capacities;
- To support the endeavours of the International Committee and the International Federation in all their humanitarian tasks;

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement was the pioneer in humanitarian action. It deserves credit for the formulation of international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions which have been ratified by States throughout the world. I would merely be a soldier in the service of humanitarian action, safeguarding the Movement and its Principles and protecting and caring for all its volunteers. For the last 20 years I have been engaged in humanitarian action in which I have made considerable achievements and I am fully capable and competent to make even more such



achievements. Those who appreciate my endeavours and put their trust in me will not be disappointed.

Wishing you, as well as humanitarian action, the Movement and the Standing Commission, ongoing progress and success,

Candidate for membership of the Standing Commission

Dr. Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam

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## Curriculum Vitae



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<b>Personal Details</b>	
<b>FAMILY NAME &amp; TITLE:</b>	Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam
<b>FIRST NAME(S):</b>	Obid
<b>GENDER :</b>	Male
<b>NATIONALITY(-IES) :</b>	Yemeni
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	1977
<b>MEMBER OF :</b> <i>(Name of National Society)</i> <i>(Please provide confirmation of your membership)</i>	Yemen Red Crescent Society 
<b>PRESENT FUNCTION(S) IN THE MOVEMENT AND/OR THE NATIONAL SOCIETY:</b>	Head of the Yemen Red Crescent Society branch in Amran Governorate. Member of the Movement's team responsible for tracing missing persons and restoring family links during the period 2003-2012. Representative of the Yemen Red Crescent Society on the committee that was established in Amman, Jordan, in 2005 to formulate the strategy and planning for disaster management in the States of the Middle East. Member of the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent Society.



	<p>Chairman of the first relief and shelter committee for victims of the Sa'dah war in 2004 and head of the field survey team to assess Sa'dah's disaster management needs until a branch of the Society was established in Sa'dah in the year 2005/2006.</p> <p>Chairman of the IHL Affairs Committee in Amran and the first person to apply the Red Cross and Red Crescent Emblem Act by removing the emblem from commercial entities and premises in 2003.</p> <p>Chairman of the Yemen Red Crescent Salvation Committee which was established after the previous Secretary General was ousted and the elected Secretary General was reinstated in 2012.</p>
<p><b>PRESENT FUNCTION(S) OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT: (when applicable)</b></p>	

## My domestic and international experience with the Red Cross and Red Crescent

(including professional and volunteering activities in the National Society of origin and other components and bodies of the Movement, as well as special achievements at a national and international level)

<b>Year</b>	start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)
2019	Member of the committee formed by the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent to preserve the neutrality and independence of the Red Crescent, safeguard the International Movement's Principles and prevent the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs from interfering in Red Crescent affairs in 2019.
2019	Member of the bureau of the National Council of the Red Crescent and chairman of the select committee chosen by the plenary of the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent.
2017	Superintendent of the United Nations protection project in Yemen in partnership with the Yemen Red Crescent in Amran Governorate.
2012	Chairman of the Yemen Red Crescent Salvation Committee which was established after the previous Secretary General was ousted and the elected Secretary General was reinstated in 2012.
2003	Chairman of the IHL Affairs Committee in Amran and the first person to apply the Red Cross and Red Crescent Emblem Act by removing the emblem from commercial entities and premises in 2003.
2003	<p>Chairman of the Yemen Red Crescent Electoral Commission in 2003.</p> <p>I have contacts with all the independent leaders and bodies seeking to promote peace and peaceful coexistence in the world.</p>





## Other experience and achievements

(any other relevant functions, roles or special achievements outside of the Movement)

Year	start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)
2006	Representative of the Yemeni Government on the team established in Egypt in 2006 under United Nations auspices to combat AIDS in the States of the Middle East.
2002	Member of the International Criminal Court Monitoring and Accession Committee of the House of Representatives.
2002	Coordinator of the national programme to combat AIDS and head of the team established to formulate the national strategy to combat AIDS in the Republic of Yemen from 2002 to 2012.
2002-2012	And currently a member of the bureau of the National Council of the Yemen Red Crescent and chairman of the Council's select committee to safeguard the Movement's Principles and preserve the neutrality and independence of the Yemen Red Crescent. I have succeeded in preventing the authorities from interfering in Red Crescent affairs.



<b>Working languages of the Standing Commission</b> (Specify the level )			
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> working knowledge
<b>FRENCH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> working knowledge
<b>SPANISH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> working knowledge
<b>ARABIC</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> working knowledge

<b>Education</b> (academic, professional or social diploma(s) and distinctions)	
Year	Start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)
1994	Awarded a diploma in health and medical sciences. Awarded a bachelor's degree in medicine and health sciences.
2005	Awarded a management and planning certificate by the International Federation. Specialist's certificate in counselling and voluntary examination to prevent AIDS.
2003	Awarded a diploma in English.
2004	Awarded a diploma in goal-oriented planning.
2004	Bachelor's degree in business management, with distinction.

**I confirm the accuracy of all of the information that I have submitted, and statements that I have made, in this Nomination Form.**

**Place and date:** Republic of Yemen, 2 October 2019

**Signature:** Obid Yahya Hadi Mardam [Signed]