

**URGENT: DATES AND VENUE
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT STATUTORY MEETINGS IN 2022**

To the members and observers of the

**COUNCIL OF DELEGATES
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT**

Geneva, 17 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Owing to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and its far-reaching consequences, I informed you, in March 2021, that the Council of Delegates of the Movement would be postponed until 2022.

As a result of intensive work to assess the health situation and practical options for hosting our next statutory meetings, I am pleased to inform you that the Standing Commission, in close coordination with the IFRC leadership regarding the 23rd session of the General Assembly, has decided to convene the Council of Delegates in **Geneva (Switzerland) from 22 to 23 June 2022**.

We hope that everyone will understand the decision to relocate the Council of Delegates and the IFRC General Assembly to Geneva, in light of the exceptional circumstances.

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the National Societies that have offered alternative proposals for hosting the statutory meetings in 2022. In particular, I wish to convey the Standing Commission's deep gratitude to the leaders, volunteers and staff of the Dominican Red Cross for the perseverance and enthusiastic dedication they have shown in offering to host the Movement's statutory meetings after their postponement to 2022. We hope that a new opportunity to experience the National Society's warm Caribbean welcome will come up soon.

The letter of convocation for the Council of Delegates will be sent out shortly with further information.

Yours faithfully,



Mercedes Babé
Chair