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The Council of Delegates,

expressing deep concern about the suffering endured by those who have lost contact with, have no news of or are separated from their loved ones as a result of armed conflicts, disasters and other emergencies as well as in the context of migration,

reaffirming the unique position of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement) to continue to address their needs and its commitment to minimize their suffering by *ensuring* that Restoring Family Links (RFL) remains a core Movement activity,

recalling Resolution 6 of the 2019 Council of Delegates adopting the Restoring Family Links: Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025 (RFL Strategy 2020–2025), and *taking note* of the achievements made during the course of its implementation, while recognizing that further efforts are required to continue to strengthen the capacity of the Family Links Network to deliver RFL services to people without news of or separated from members of their families,

recalling the respective and complementary mandates, roles and responsibilities of the components of the Movement, based on the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977, the Statutes of the Movement, resolutions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the Movement Coordination for Collective Impact Agreement (Seville Agreement 2.0), including the role of the Central Tracing Agency of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the auxiliary role of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (National Societies) in providing support to their respective public authorities in the humanitarian field,

highlighting the complementarity and synergies between the RFL Strategy 2020–2025, and its extension until 2030, with the new migration strategy for the Movement 2025–2030, and *highlighting* the need to ensure coherence and complementarity with the new resolution on "Protection in the Movement: Improving our collective impact in protecting people,

1. *adopts* the extension of the RFL Strategy 2020–2025 until 2030;
2. *calls upon* all components of the Movement to continue to implement the measures outlined in the strategy, in accordance with their mandates, roles and capacities, acknowledging the resource constraints across the Family Links Network and the need to increase them and review the use of resources collectively, while supporting one another's efforts in implementing the strategy, also by developing sustainable partnerships, including among National Societies, so that they can support each other in strengthening their RFL capacities;
3. *commends* the work of the RFL Strategy Implementation Group for the purpose of supporting and monitoring the implementation of the RFL Strategy 2020–2025, and

encourages it to continue its work and efforts, including through the RFL Regional Action Plans, to implement the strategy;

4. *commends* the work undertaken by the Application Group for the RFL Code of Conduct on Data Protection, *encourages* it to continue to support the application of the RFL Code of Conduct on Data Protection and *calls upon* the components of the Movement to continue to provide expertise and resources in this area to meet data protection requirements for RFL work;
5. *invites* the RFL Leadership Platform to continue to address critical issues for the future of RFL services and steer the ongoing implementation of the RFL Strategy 2020–2025, with its extension until 2030, and to encourage other leaders of the Movement to champion it;
6. *invites* components of the Movement to report to the 2028 Council of Delegates on the results achieved in implementing the RFL Strategy and the RFL Code of Conduct on Data Protection.