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Guidance on the Election of the Standing Commission Wednesday, 30 October 2024

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
AT THE 34th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

Wednesday, 30 October 2024

PLENARY AND ROLL CALL

The Standing Commission is the “trustee of the International Conference between two Conferences, carrying out the functions laid down in Article 18” of the Statutes of the Movement.

Composition

The Standing Commission comprises nine members, namely:

- a) five representatives of different National Societies, each elected in his or her personal capacity by the International Conference;
- b) two representatives of the ICRC;
- c) two representatives of the IFRC.

Election process

The International Conference will elect the members of the Standing Commission referred to in Article 17, paragraph 1 a), of the Statutes in a personal capacity, taking into account personal qualities and the **principle of fair geographical distribution**. In addition, delegates are strongly encouraged to take into account an **equitable gender balance**.

The members of the Standing Commission are elected by secret ballot by the members of the Conference. The election will be held using an electronic voting platform on Wednesday, 30 October during the final plenary session of the day. The voting will start immediately after the roll call, which will determine if there is the absolute majority required for election in the first ballot.

If five candidates obtain an absolute majority in the first ballot, they are declared elected. If fewer than five candidates obtain an absolute majority in the first ballot, a second ballot will be held in which the candidate(s) obtaining the largest number of votes will be elected.

All delegations to the International Conference (recognized National Societies, States party to the Geneva Conventions, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) shall have the right to vote as set out below.

VOTING PROCESS

A. LIST OF CANDIDATES

The final list of candidates for election to the Standing Commission, together with copies of their nomination forms including their curriculum vitae will be posted on the Conference web

page (<https://rcrcconference.org/about/34th-international-conference/>) and deposited in the pigeon holes of each delegation 24 hours before the election. .

B. ELECTRONIC VOTING

Electronic voting will be used for the Standing Commission election.

The electronic voting platform can be accessed on any computer, smartphone or electronic tablet by using the link that will be shared with delegates before the election. Delegates also have the option of using one of the tablets in the election booths located in the Plenary Room.

C. VOTING CREDENTIALS FOR THE ELECTRONIC VOTING PLATFORM

The election will be held with the use of an electronic voting platform. Heads of delegations will receive their voting credentials to access the electronic voting platform during the week prior to the International Conference. The voting credentials consist in (1) a unique Voter ID and (2) a password sent in two separate emails.

The email containing the Voter ID will come from Conference organizers, while the email with the password will come from the service provider of the electronic voting platform.

It is important therefore that heads of delegation register to the International Conference with an email address to which they have access to receive their voting credentials.

The Voter ID and password are required in order to access the electronic voting platform. Delegates are reminded that no new voting credentials will be distributed during the International Conference and that it is therefore vital for them to ensure that they have on hand their Voter ID and password before the voting commences on 30 October.

Should the head of delegation fail to receive their Voter ID and/or password, they are advised to check their junk or spam mailbox. If the head of delegation does not receive his/her Voter ID and/or password he/she may present him/herself at the registration and information desk before the opening of the International Conference.

Full instructions on how to use the electronic voting platform will be provided to delegates at the International Conference.

Please note that in case of any vote at the International Conference, the same voting credentials than for the election of the Standing Commission will be used.

D. ROLL CALL

The plenary session (Wednesday, 30 October) will begin with a roll call. It is important that all delegations be present at the roll call, as it determines the absolute majority for the election.

The roll call will be carried out with the electronic voting platform and the voting credentials received for the election.

E. CALL TO VOTE

The first ballot will begin immediately after the roll call with the use of the electronic voting platform.

Once delegates have logged in with their Voter ID and password, they may select up to five candidates and can review and change their choices before submitting their final selection. The results of the election will be displayed on the screen in the Plenary Room after the election is complete.

F. REGISTRATION/PROXY FORMS

If the Head of Delegation is unable to vote, the delegation member designated to vote in his/her place must submit a completed proxy form signed by the Head of Delegation authorizing them to do so.

The proxy form is attached to these instructions.

G. RESULTS OF THE FIRST BALLOT

Following the first ballot, candidates who have obtained an absolute majority of the votes, as determined by the roll call, are elected.

If *more than five* candidates have obtained an absolute majority, the five candidates with the most votes are elected.

If *less than five* candidates have obtained an absolute majority, a second ballot will be held with the remaining candidates.

H. SECOND BALLOT

Any candidate not wishing to retain his/her candidature for the second ballot must notify in writing the Chair of the Conference. The note must be given to the Secretary General of the Conference, by the deadline specified when the results of the first ballot are announced.

The final list of candidates for the second ballot will be announced before the second ballot starts. The second ballot will take place as soon as possible after the results of the first are known.

The process will be exactly the same as for the first ballot. Electronic voting will follow the procedure set out above.

Heads of Delegation will cast votes only for those places that have still to be filled.

The candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be elected.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Article 10

Functions [of the International Conference]

1. The International Conference contributes to the unity of the Movement and to the achievement of its mission in full respect of the Fundamental Principles.

(...)

4. The International Conference shall elect in a personal capacity those members of the Standing Commission mentioned in Article 17, paragraph 1 a) of the present Statutes, taking into account personal qualities and the principle of fair geographical distribution.

(...)

Article 17

Composition [of the Standing Commission]

1. The Standing Commission shall comprise nine members, namely:
 - a) five who are members of different National Societies, each elected in a personal capacity by the International Conference according to Article 10, paragraph 4 and holding office until the close of the following International Conference or until the next Standing Commission has been formally constituted, whichever is the later;
 - b) two who are representatives of the International Committee, one of whom shall be the President;
 - c) two who are representatives of the Federation, one of whom shall be the President;

(...)

Rules of Procedure of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Rule 21

Election of the members of the Standing Commission

1. Nominations for the Standing Commission shall be delivered in closed envelopes, with the curriculum vitæ of each candidate, to the Chairman of the Bureau, forty-eight hours before the opening of the meeting in which the election will take place. The Bureau shall circulate the curriculum vitæ of each candidate at least twenty-four hours before that meeting. When nominating candidates, personal qualities and the principle of fair geographical distribution should be taken into account.
2. The election process for the Standing Commission shall start immediately after the opening of the meeting at which the vote will take place.
3. The members of the Standing Commission referred to in Article 10, paragraph 4 of the Statutes shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the Conference. For the purpose of determining the absolute majority required in terms of paragraph 4, a roll call of members shall be taken before voting begins.
4. In the first ballot, the candidates obtaining an absolute majority shall be declared elected. If more than five candidates obtain an absolute majority, the five candidates obtaining the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. If less than five candidates obtain an absolute majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held in which the candidate(s) obtaining the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.
5. In the case of a tie, subsequent ballots shall be held until the remaining candidate(s) has received a relative majority. After four ballots the total number of votes cast for each candidate in all four ballots shall be taken into consideration. If a tie still results, a decision shall be made by drawing lots.
6. If two or more candidates from the same National Society are in a position to be declared elected, the candidate obtaining the largest number of votes shall be considered as elected.

PROXY

**Election of the Standing Commission
Proxy Form**

I, _____
(name of Head of Delegation)

of the _____
(name of National Society or Government)

hereby delegate to

(member of my delegation)

the authority to cast the vote for my delegation for the election of the members of the Standing Commission.

The email of the above-mentioned member of my delegation is:

Signature

Date: