

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

### FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

### OF THE STANDING COMMISSION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

#### Important notice:

- To be valid, this Statement of Candidacy must **be completed and signed by the candidate** who must attach it to the Nomination Form for submission by the required deadline.
- For any questions, contact the Electoral Committee: [election@standcom.ch](mailto:election@standcom.ch)

I, the undersigned George Eid Kettaneh ,

hereby declare and submit my candidature for election to the Standing Commission by the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2024.

I hereby confirm that I am a member of the

Lebanese Red Cross Society ,

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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 (the Movement) and that members of the Standing Commission are elected in a personal capacity.

I confirm that I satisfy the requirements, profile and qualifications for candidates established in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Movement as well as in the "Guidelines for Candidates for election to the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent" adopted by the Council of Delegates in 2019 (Resolution 4).

I confirm that:

- a. I have a duty to promote and comply with the rules and standards applicable to the election, including without limitation, the requirement to:
  - adhere at all times to the Fundamental Principles, Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Movement and to respect its ideals and values,
  - not accept a binding mandate from anyone, enter any form of commitment that could affect my freedom of decision or action in the future if elected, or receive any form of campaign support or financial or material aid or contributions from any actor external to the Movement,
  - not to act in any way that would amount to a perceived, potential or actual conflict of interest.

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- b. I must provide full cooperation to the Electoral Committee, in particular with regard to any requests for information and enquiries relating to my candidacy.
- c. all the information that I have submitted, and statements that I have made, in this declaration and in my Nomination Form are truthful and accurate.
- d. I will immediately notify the Electoral Committee if, after the date of signature of this declaration:
  - I am no longer able, for any reason, to fulfil any of the requirements, profile and qualifications applicable to this position, or
  - any of the statements in this declaration or in my Nomination Form, are no longer true or accurate for whatever reason, or
  - there is additional information in relation to this declaration or my Nomination Form.

I understand that any (a) false declaration or statement or omission of relevant information in this declaration or my Nomination Form, (b) failure to notify the Electoral Committee as required above, or (c) failure to fulfil any of the requirements set out in this declaration, may lead to my disqualification as a candidate.

I hereby authorize the Electoral Committee to carry out a background check for purposes of evaluating whether I satisfy the requirements, profile, and qualifications for election to the Standing Commission. I consent to the processing of my personal information as necessary and relevant for these purposes. I understand that the Electoral Committee may engage the services of an external third-party firm(s) for these purposes. Finally, I also understand that I may withhold my permission and that in such case, no background check will be conducted, and my candidature will not be processed.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signed] \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

[Stamp: Lebanese Red Cross/Secretary General]

\_\_\_\_\_ Beirut, 8 May 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date

# 1. Candidate motivation

Please indicate here in less than 500 words the motivations of your candidacy, what you would like to accomplish with the Standing Commission and the special competencies that you could bring to it.

My primary motivation is to be involved in creating a road map to strengthen and further humanitarian work in full respect for the particularity of each constituent element of the International Movement.

My hope is that we, in all our diversity, will be united in a common movement for humanity. With this as my starting point, the goals towards which I will work in the event of my election as a member of the Standing Commission reflect the views I have expressed at a number of conferences of the International Movement:

- **One voice**

We belong to an international movement, in which we are united by fundamental principles and a firm commitment to humanitarian work. Each National Society has its own distinct features, yet we must seek to speak with one voice, and to work together closely with our governments to confront challenges effectively whilst maintaining our independence.

One voice in solidarity, facing up to crises and mitigating their impact on people.

One voice in confronting global challenges.

- **Strengthening the capabilities of National Societies and boosting cooperation with respect for diversity**

- Improving the responsiveness of National Societies in the field, providing them with the necessary resources to effectively implement humanitarian missions.

- Stressing cooperation and coordination between all the elements that make up the Movement, to faithfully reflect our humanitarian mission.

This effort must take place in compliance with existing laws, and in keeping with the spirit of the International Movement, building confidence and learning lessons from past challenges.

- We aim to focus on cooperation, whilst maintaining the independence of each National Society.

- Bolstering constructive dialogue is a central pillar of humanitarian service.

- **Boosting cooperation and actively applying fundamental principles**

- With more than 40 years of personal experience in volunteer humanitarian work, I understand the need to impart an institutional character to humanitarian efforts through strong organizational structures and mechanisms and coordination frameworks.

- The supreme goal is that of humanitarian service, guided by a firm adherence to the seven fundamental principles in all circumstances.

- **Improving the management and protection of volunteers**

- Recruiting and retaining volunteers through offering incentives and clear management mechanisms, and taking measures for their protection.

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- Empowering volunteers through training and professional opportunities within their communities and the movement, focusing on promoting volunteer work and spreading humanitarian principles.
- To ensure continuing improvement, a comprehensive database of volunteers should be established, and the reasons behind their decreasing numbers must be analyzed.
  
- **Transparency, integrity and accountability**
- Commitment to uphold the principles of integrity and transparency within the International Movement.
- Ensuring that the concepts of ongoing monitoring, accountability and compliance with the customary principles are upheld as being of key importance.
- Taking fair and appropriate accountability measures to preserve the good reputation of the International Movement within the international community and its constituent parts.

**The above sets out the key motivating points of my candidacy and what I would wish to achieve through tenure on the Standing Committee. The ambitions set out in this vision will be futile without the realization of a true unity capable of overcoming individual interests and championing mutual support. But through our unity, we will make a real difference.**

**Competencies through which I can be of use to the Committee:**

- The ability to deal with pressure and problems and find solutions.
- The ability to compile a comprehensive dossier on themes assigned for preparation or follow up.
- A strong network of regional and international relationships with members of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, as well as a number of governments.
- The ability to contribute appropriately to decision-making processes and follow up on the implementation of decisions made by the Standing Committee, as well as to participate in the compilation of dossiers on themes presented to the Committee.
- The ability to shape opinion in the service of the Committee's aims through the strong links I enjoy with National Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.
- Extensive experience in field, management, and institutional work.
- Multilingual skills and familiarity with technical terms and expression which would facilitate communication with other members of the Committee.
- Internal and external communication skills (within and outside of the Movement), including the management of negotiations of various kinds.
- The desire to work collectively within a harmonious team environment.

The ability and willingness to keep abreast of the latest developments in the International Movement.

## 2. Curriculum Vitae



Insert or attach photograph

<b>Personal Details</b>	
<b>FAMILY NAME &amp; TITLE:</b>	Kettaneh
<b>FIRST NAME(S):</b>	George
<b>GENDER :</b>	Male
<b>NATIONALITY(-IES) :</b>	Lebanese
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	3/1/1964
<b>MEMBER OF :</b> <i>(Name of National Society)</i>	Lebanese Red Cross Society
<b>PRESENT FUNCTION(S) IN THE MOVEMENT AND/OR THE NATIONAL SOCIETY:</b>	Secretary-General
<b>PRESENT FUNCTION(S) OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT:</b> <i>(when applicable)</i>	None

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## 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)

**Year** start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)

- **At the national level:**

2013 to date (as Secretary-General of the Lebanese Red Cross)

- Administrative development and restructuring of the National Society.
- Resource mobilization and financial regulation for the National Society.
- Construction and development of the legal foundation of the Lebanese Red Cross through support and contribution to the formulation of over 23 draft bylaws.
- Elaboration of a code of conduct for members of the National Society, and an anti-fraud and corruption policy, with work currently underway on preparation of an anti-sexual harassment and exploitation policy, along with other policies aimed at preserving the National Society's image and reputation.
- Involvement in the formulation of a draft law **for the facilitation and organization of international aid in cases of crisis and disaster**, in coordination with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- Involvement in creating a draft Recognition Act of the National Society and its privileges (**known as the Red Cross Law**) in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the IFRC.
- Involvement in the creation of a draft law for the protection and regulation of the use of the emblem (the Emblem Law).
- Strengthening the communications network, and providing protection and safe access for all volunteers and members of the National Society.
- Support for and contribution to various amendments to the statute and electoral system of the Lebanese Red Cross.
- Involvement in and coordination with security and humanitarian delegations on a national level.
- Carrying out research and studies into disaster management, delivering lectures and participating in seminars and conferences.

2011 to 2013 (as Director of Disaster Management)

- Development and implementation of response plans for disasters and emergencies and training in their implementation, as well as the logistical management of resources necessary for the response.
- Coordination of disaster response efforts with authorities and organizations.

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2005 to 2011 (as Disaster Management Coordinator)

- Oversight of the implementation of Lebanese Red Cross field operations.
- Coordinating the activities of the operational and auxiliary sectors of the Lebanese Red Cross (emergency, ambulances, blood bank, medical and social services, media, juniors and youth, and equipment and logistics.)

1992 to 2013 (as National Director of the Ambulance and Emergency Teams)

- Management of 46 ambulance centres and four operations rooms on Lebanese territory
- Supervisor of the ambulance and emergency teams' field work and aid operations.
- Senior coordinator of training for ambulance and emergency teams.
- Head of operations during the incidents at Nahr al-Barid camp in north Lebanon in 2007.
- Head of operations during the July 2006 war.

Member of the Lebanese Red Cross Society since 1980.

**At the international level:**

- Advance coordination with the Foreign Ministry and Lebanon's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva
- Signing undertakings with official participating bodies.
- Preparation for and participation in constitutional meetings of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- Contribution to strengthening collaboration between National Societies on the regional and international level.

Various positions held at the local level:

- Member of the Committee for Preventive Measures and Procedures against Coronavirus – 2020.
- Member of the National Committee for the Comprehensive Study of Emergency and Ambulance Services in Traffic Accidents – 2013.
- Member of the Consultative Committee for Improving Blood Transfer Processes Nationwide – 2011.
- Member of the National Committee for the Preparation of the National Response Plan for Disaster Management – 2010.
- Member of the National Committee for the Preparation of a Plan to Combat Threats based on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear (**CBRN**) Threats – 2010.
- Member of the Directors' Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project for the Prime Minister's Office, "Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Lebanon" – 2010.
- Member of the National Committee for Ambulance and Emergency Services with the Lebanese government.
- Member of the Medical Evacuation Planning Committee at **ESCWA**.
- Member of the Lebanon Disaster Management Project (Lebanese Red Cross) – 2003.

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- Member of the Coordination Committee of the Lebanese Red Cross and the Public Health Ministry – 1995.

Various international positions held:

- Reporter for the Arab team preparing the Arab Emergency Plan – Secretariat General of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO) – 2013.
- Disaster Coordinator for the ARCO Secretariat General work team – 2012.
- Member of the Steering Committee on Disaster Management at the IFRC – Middle East and North Africa Region – 2009.
- Member of the Reference Committee for Disaster Management at the IFRC – Middle East and North Africa Region – 2008.
- Received certificate of attendance of the course on **Health Emergencies in Large Populations** organized by the ICRC, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Medical Faculty of [the University of] Geneva – Geneva.
- Participant in **Project Management Professional (PMP)** preparatory course.
- Participant in **Emergency Response Unit course** – Oslo, Norway.
- **Coordination for Disaster Management** – with the ICRC – Kuwait.
- **Certificate in fundamental BTC [Blast Trauma Course] training** – Oslo, Norway.
- **Workshop on disaster management coordination work** – Tehran.
- **Workshop on disaster management coordination work** – Amman.
- Certificate of attendance of course in **evaluating strengths and weaknesses, and training of trainers** – Spain.
- **Response Teams in Climate Disasters** workshop – Tehran.
- Certificate of attendance of course on **project formulation and reporting** – Amman.
- Certificate in the **selection and evaluation of international staff at Red Cross and Red Crescent societies** – Tehran.
- **Participant in a training course with the French ambulance service SAMU** – French Red Cross – Paris.
- Participant in training course on **disaster and snowstorm management** – Norway.



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## 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)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Training in disaster response at airports in Lebanon.</li><li>- <b>Arc GIS Desktop II and III GIS</b> (training in map reading and mapwork)</li><li>- <b>Participation in High-Level Crisis Management</b> – a programme supporting counter-terrorism under the auspices of the diplomatic security office of the US State Department – Washington DC.</li><li>- <b>Participation in a forum on high-level crisis management</b> at the American University – part of a State Department training programme for assistance to counter-terrorism – Washington DC</li><li>- Participation in a programme <b>for the development of criminal investigations at every level in Lebanon</b> – European Commission.</li></ul>

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## Working languages of the Standing Commission

(Tick the relevant boxes as applicable)

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> working knowledge
<b>FRENCH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> mother tongue	<input checked="" 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

## Education

(academic, professional or social diploma(s) and distinctions)

<b>Year</b>	Start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)
	<p><u>Academic qualifications:</u></p> <p><u>1987 to 1989:</u></p> <p>Two years of law study at the Lebanese University.</p> <p><u>1983 to 1987:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BA in Business Administration at Saint Joseph University of Beirut.</li> </ul> <p><u>Awards and prizes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- French Legion of Honour from the French President Emmanuel Macron – 2023.</li> <li>- Lebanese Silver Order of Merit with palms from the President of the Lebanese Republic – 2022.</li> <li>- Bethlehem Medal (Bethlehem Star) from the President of the Palestinian Authority – 2021.</li> <li>- Medal of the Honourable Companion Rufayda, Keeper of the Tent, Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO).</li> <li>- Certificate of Appreciation for dedicated professional service offered during the Special United Nations Evacuation Operation Maneuver – 2012.</li> <li>- Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities in Lebanon, for effective contribution to logistical procedures in the course of municipal elections – 2010.</li> <li>- Field and Administrative Work Award of the Francophone Summit – Ministry of Education and Higher Education – 2002.</li> <li>- Certificate of appreciation for professional services and distinguished volunteer work – US Embassy in Beirut – 2001.</li> <li>- Award for organizing and managing ambulance work for the Arab Summit – Ministry of Education and Higher Education.</li> <li>- Award for organizing and managing ambulance work for the 8th Arab Games - Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 1997.</li> </ul>

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

\_\_\_\_\_George Eid Kettaneh\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's name

\_\_[Signed]\_\_  
Signature

[Stamp: Lebanese Red Cross /Secretary General]

\_\_\_\_\_Beirut, 8 May 2024\_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date

## DECLARATION OF INTEGRITY

### FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

### OF THE STANDING COMMISSION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

#### Important notice:

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- For any questions, contact the Electoral Committee: [election@standcom.ch](mailto:election@standcom.ch)

I, the undersigned George Eid Kettaneh ,

member of the Lebanese Red Cross Society ,

hereby make the following declaration of integrity, as part of my candidature for election to the Standing Commission by the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2024.

#### 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,
- involved in offences related to child labour or human trafficking,
- 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, morality, interests or unethical conduct 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 or gender-based exploitation, abuse, or discrimination, harassment or bullying of any kind,
- involved in any conduct, dispute or controversy in or outside the Movement that would risk the reputation or standing of the Movement,
- involved in any act which could be deemed to be a breach of the Fundamental Principles,

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

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Please include in the space below **any relevant information you deem necessary in respect of the above declaration.**

Complete information has been provided in the application for nomination.
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I confirm the truth and accuracy of all the information that I have submitted, and statements that I have made, in this declaration and in my Nomination Form.

If elected, I declare that I will –

- a. fulfill all the functions required by this elected position,
- b. serve in my personal non-partisan capacity and in the sole interest of the Standing Commission and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement), and to work towards their humanitarian general object,
- c. adhere at all times to the Fundamental Principles, Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Movement,
- d. not act in any way that would amount to a perceived, potential or actual conflict of interest.

I will immediately notify the Electoral Committee, if after the date of signature of this declaration, (a) any of the above statements in this declaration, are no longer true or accurate for whatever reason, or (b) there is additional information in relation to this declaration.

I understand that any (a) false declaration or statement or omission of relevant information in this declaration, or (b) failure to fulfil the above requirement to notify the Electoral Committee may lead to my disqualification as a candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_[Signed]\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

[Stamp: Lebanese Red Cross/Secretary General]

\_\_\_\_\_Beirut, 8 May 2024\_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date

## MEMBERSHIP AND INTEGRITY ATTESTATION

### FOR A CANDIDATE TO THE 2024 ELECTION

### OF THE STANDING COMMISSION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

#### Important notice:

- To be valid this attestation must **be completed and signed by a duly authorized representative of the candidate's National Society** and the candidate must attach it to the Nomination Form for submission by the required deadline.
- This attestation is not an endorsement or expression of support for the candidate who is running for election to the Standing Commission in a personal capacity.
- For any questions, contact the Electoral Committee: [election@standcom.ch](mailto:election@standcom.ch)

I, the undersigned Dr. Antoine Shabib al-Zughbi ,

in my position as President

of the Lebanese Red Cross ,

declare the following:

1) The candidate George Eid Kettaneh

is presently a member of the Lebanese Red Cross Society

2) To the best knowledge of the National Society, the candidate

- has not been sanctioned by the National Society in the past for:
  - Violating any Code of Conduct of the National Society,
  - Display of character, morality, interests or unethical conduct incompatible with the seven Fundamental Principles of the Movement,
  - Fraudulent or corrupt conduct,
  - Failure to declare a conflict of interest, or
  - Violating laws or policies relating to sexual or gender-based exploitation, abuse or discrimination, harassment or bullying of any kind.
- has not been involved in any conduct, dispute or controversy within or outside the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement that would risk the reputation or standing of the Red Cross or Red Crescent network.

\_\_\_\_\_[Signed]\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and stamp  
[Stamp: Lebanese Red Cross]

\_\_\_\_Beirut, 2 May 2024\_\_\_\_\_  
Place and Date