# **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: <u>election@standcom.ch</u>

I, the undersigned ARLINDO SOARES DE CARVALHO,

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

RED CROSS OF CABO VERDE,

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.
- 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.

Praia, 14/08/2024

Place and Date

Signature

Signed: Arlindo Soares de Carvalho

# 1. Candidate motivation

In recent years, the world has faced myriad worrying crises, whether related to health, climate change, war, or other reasons. Africa, already vulnerable, has been particularly badly affected, having had to face natural disasters, such as droughts, flooding, locust infestations and cyclones, as well as manmade crises, such as conflicts (involving state and non-state armed groups or intercommunity fighting).

The Red Cross of Cabo Verde believes it can make a real contribution to resolving the crises currently affecting the world, and Africa in particular. As part of the Movement, it is already committed to tackling armed conflict and violence, catastrophes and crises related to climate change, epidemics, food insecurity and mass displacement in some of the most vulnerable contexts around the world. Its commitment remains steadfast. The Red Cross of Cabo Verde is dedicated to the noble spirit and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and to the aims and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations. It supports the efforts of both organizations in the areas of peace, international security and development, and is confident that its knowledge and skills will be of benefit to the Red Cross Movement.

# 2. Curriculum Vitae



Insert or attach photograph

Personal Details		
FAMILY NAME & TITLE:	Soares de Carvalho	
FIRST NAME(S):	Arlindo	
GENDER :	Male	
NATIONALITY(-IES) :	Cabo Verde	
DATE OF BIRTH:	13 January 1960	
<b>MEMBER OF :</b> (Name of National Society)	Red Cross of Cabo Verde	
PRESENT FUNCTION(S) IN THE MOVEMENT AND/OR THE NATIONAL SOCIETY:	President of the Red Cross of Cabo Verde	
<b>PRESENT FUNCTION(S)</b> <b>OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT:</b> (when applicable)	Retired senior army officer	

# 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)		
Oct. 2017 to date	President of the Red Cross of Cabo Verde		
Nov. 2017	President of the Forum of Portuguese-speaking National Societies in Africa		
Feb. 2018 to Mar. 2022	President of the Sahel Plus group		
2022 to date	Treasurer-general of ACROFA		

<b>Other experience and achievements</b> (any other relevant functions, roles or special achievements outside of the Movement)				
Year	Year start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)			
	<ul> <li>Colonel in the Cabo Verde armed forces (retired)</li> <li>Inspector-general of the armed forces (armed forces general staff)</li> <li>Director of international relations at the Ministry of Defence</li> <li>Coordinator of the national unit of the CLPL strategic analysis centre</li> <li>Director of the armed forces civic action services</li> <li>Director of armed forces personnel administration</li> <li>Director of the armed forces military school</li> <li>Manager of the "Citizen Soldier" programme</li> <li>History and philosophy teacher</li> <li>Professor of modern history and scientific research methodology, Cabo Verde Higher Institute of Education (ISE)</li> <li>Consultant to the UNDP in Cabo Verde</li> </ul>			

# Working languages of the Standing Commission

(Tick the relevant boxes as applicable)

ENGLISH	□mother tongue	□fluent	□working knowledge
FRENCH	□mother tongue	□fluent	□working knowledge
SPANISH	□mother tongue	□fluent	⊠working knowledge
ARABIC	□mother tongue	□fluent	⊠working knowledge

<b>Education</b> (academic, professional or social diploma(s) and distinctions)				
Year	Year Start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)			
	<ul> <li>Master's in Political-Military Sciences – Minsk Higher Military-Political Combined Arms School, Belarus</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Postgraduate Degree in Modern History – Universidade Portucalense,</li> <li>Portugal/Cabo Verde Higher Institute of Education (ISE)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Foundation course in international humanitarian law – IIHL, Italy</li> <li>Advanced international humanitarian law – IIIIL, Italy</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Advanced international humanitarian law – IIHL, Italy</li> <li>Training for trainers in IHL – IIHL, Italy</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>IHL for humanitarian workers – ICRC, Belgium</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Disaster risk management and local development – ILO, Cabo Verde</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Good governance and senior leadership – Center for African Studies, Washington, USA</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Senior leadership – Center for African Studies, Washington, USA</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Good governance – ICRC, Cabo Verde</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Good governance: transparency and integrity – ICRC/IFRC</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Education and development - Japan</li> </ul>			

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

Arlindo Soares de Carvalho

Candidate's name

Praia, 14/08/2024

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

Place and Date

# **DECLARATION OF INTEGRITY**

## FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

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

### Important notice:

- To be valid, this Declaration of Integrity 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: <u>election@standcom.ch</u>

I, the undersigned ARLINDO SOARES DE CARVALHO,

member of RED CROSS OF CABO VERDE ,

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.

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

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.

Praia, 14/08/2024

Signature

Place and Date

Signed: Arlindo Soares de Carvalho

# 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: <u>election@standcom.ch</u>

I, the undersigned SALOMAO SANCHES FURTADO,

in my position as SECRETARY GENERAL

of the RED CROSS OF CABO VERDE,

declare the following:

1) The candidate ARLINDO SOARES DE CARVALHO

is presently a member of the RED CROSS OF CABO VERDE

- 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.

Praia, 14/08/2024

[Signed] Signature and stamp [Stamp: Red Cross of Cabo Verde]

Place and Date