

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

I, the undersigned Elías Ricardo Solís González,

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

Panamanian Red Cross

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.

Panama, 23 September 2024

Signed:

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.

As a child, as a member of the Red Cross Youth, I was trained to disseminate international humanitarian law as part of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) cooperation with the Panamanian Red Cross. I was so motivated by international humanitarian law that it was one of the reasons I decided to study law in my country.

For my degree in law and political science, I submitted a dissertation of over 450 pages, titled "**International Humanitarian Law: Legal Standards and Consequences of Armed Conflict**" (1999). This dissertation summarized the treaty provisions in force at the time governing the conduct of hostilities and the prohibited means of warfare (weapons). It won the Jean Pictet Prize for Excellence in Legal Research on International Humanitarian Law in 2000.

For several years after that, I was a member of the National Commission for the implementation of international humanitarian law in Panama. In this role, I facilitated the ratification of all relevant treaties, including the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. I went on to draft the wording for the codification in criminal law of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the new standard definition of the crime of genocide, following the codification set out in the Rome Statute. This wording was incorporated into the new 2007 Panama Penal Code, Title XV – Crimes Against Humanity.

Running for the Standing Commission therefore represents a return to my origins and my passion for the study and dissemination of international humanitarian law. I remain convinced of the need to increase our Movement's advocacy concerning both the validity of international humanitarian law and the obligation to adapt national legislation to further ensure that it can be applied in times of armed conflict and that war crimes are prevented by, and punished under, criminal law at the national level.

I am also convinced of the need to study how contemporary armed conflicts evolve and how international humanitarian law can be adapted to limit their effects, and to promote the adoption of new international standards that improve its effectiveness.

I am committed to working together as a Movement, in harmony and through close cooperation between the three components. In Panama, we have a Tripartite Agreement that governs joint humanitarian activities, and the powers and responsibilities of each party. Inspired by the belief that together we are unstoppable, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Panamanian Red Cross work in pursuit of our shared humanitarian goal: to prevent and alleviate human suffering.

The Standing Commission is the highest body of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and I believe that I have the knowledge of the Movement's policies and rules, together with ample legal training and experience, to promote international humanitarian law and its implementation in countries' domestic law. I am able to act impartially and objectively to intervene and settle differences of opinion among the components of the Movement, or in the interpretation and application of its Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

2. Curriculum Vitae



Personal Details	
FAMILY NAME & TITLE:	SOLÍS GONZÁLEZ
FIRST NAME(S):	ELÍAS RICARDO
GENDER :	Male
NATIONALITY(-IES) :	Panama
DATE OF BIRTH:	8 March 1975
MEMBER OF : <i>(Name of National Society)</i>	Panamanian Red Cross
PRESENT FUNCTION(S) IN THE MOVEMENT AND/OR THE NATIONAL SOCIETY:	National President of the Panamanian Red Cross
PRESENT FUNCTION(S) OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT: <i>(when applicable)</i>	

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)
2019–2027	<p>On 17 August 2019, I was elected by the National General Assembly of the Panamanian Red Cross as national president, after presenting the proposal "One Red Cross For All". The proposal envisioned the organization becoming a model for open, trusted and transparent humanitarian efforts, an organization that helps alleviate human suffering through effective humanitarian aid and the implementation of programmes to protect health and life, mitigate the humanitarian consequences of climate change, help migrants, prevent social violence, and build resilient, supportive and inclusive communities, strengthened by a recognized, competent and committed volunteer and administrative staff committed to high-quality humanitarian service.</p> <p>On 12 August 2023, I was re-elected as national president for a final term (2023–2027), with the proposal "United for One Red Cross for All".</p>
2023	Elected Secretary of the Steering Committee of the Inter-American Regional Committee of the Red Cross, at the Inter-American Conference held in the Bahamas
2015–2019	Second national vice-president of the Panamanian Red Cross
2011–2015	National under-secretary of the Panamanian Red Cross
2008–2011	Member of the Central Committee of the Panamanian Red Cross
2006–2007	Consultant to the International Committee of the Red Cross on the status of national legislation on the prevention of enforced disappearance
1995–1997	National Director of Red Cross Youth (1995–1997)
1990	Joined the Movement through Red Cross Youth – Panamanian Red Cross

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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)
2016 – 2021	Magistrate with the Administrative Court for Public Procurement of Panama, for a five-year term
2010 – 2015	Acting magistrate with the Administrative Tax Court of Panama, for a five-year term I served as secretary-general of the Administrative Tax Court between 2010 and 2014
2017	Author of: Fundamentos de Derecho Tributario [Foundations of Tax Law], Librería y Editorial Jurídica Barrios & Barrios (Panama 2017). Reprint 2019.
2015	Author of: Principios fundamentales del Derecho Tributario y la jurisprudencia de la Corte Suprema de Justicia de Panamá [Basic Principles of Tax Law and the Case Law of the Supreme Court of Justice of Panama]. Panama, Litho Editorial Chen, S.A. (Panama, 2015).
2007–2015	Author of: Lecturer at the Specialized University of Certified Public Accountants (UNESCPA). Programmes: master's degree in Taxation and diploma in Taxation. Courses: Tax Code and Incentives; Panamanian Tax Administration, Historical Evolution of the Panamanian Tax System and Legal Framework for Taxation; Administrative Tax Procedures

Working languages of the Standing Commission

(Tick the relevant boxes as applicable)

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

Education

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

Year	Start with the most recent (expand the table as needed)
2019	Master's in Administrative Law, Institute of Legal Studies and Research (INEJ), Nicaragua
2018 (Jan)	Postgraduate specializing in Public Procurement, University of Castile-La Mancha, Spain
2018 (June)	Course specializing Constitutional Law, University of Salamanca, Spain
2017	Course on Administrative Law Penalties, University of Valladolid, Spain.
2005	Postgraduate degree in Taxation, Specialized University of the Americas (UDELAS). Master's in Criminal Sciences, University of Panama
2003	Master's in Law specializing in Commercial Law and Postgraduate degree in Public Law, Latin American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT)
2002	Bachelor's in Law and Political Science, University of Panama.
1999	Dissertation: " International Humanitarian Law: Legal Standards and Consequences of Armed Conflict ". Winner (first place) of the 2000 Jean Pictet Award for Excellence in Legal Research on International Humanitarian Law, awarded by the International Committee of the Red Cross (2000).

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

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Elías Ricardo Solís González

Candidate's name

Panama, 23 September 2024

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.
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I, the undersigned **Elías Ricardo Solís González**,

a member of the **Panamanian Red Cross**,

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 labor 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.**

None.

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 general humanitarian 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:

Panama, 23 September 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.
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I, the undersigned Larissa Rodríguez Baso ,

in my position as Director-General

of the Panamanian Red Cross,

declare the following:

- 1) The candidate Elías Ricardo Solís González
is currently a member of the Panamanian Red Cross
- 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.

Panama, 23 September 2024

Signature and stamp

Place and Date