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# **Agenda and programme 2024 Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**

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*A joint opening ceremony for the Council of Delegates and the IFRC General Assembly will take place on 22 October 2024 at 16:00 (tentatively).*

*The awards ceremony will be held on 27 October 2024 at 18:30 (tentatively) for the Henry Dunant Medal and the newly established Movement Family Links Medal, including the recognition of the Florence Nightingale Medal.*

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## **I. Opening and procedural matters**

- 1. Opening of the Council of Delegates**
- 2. Election of the chair, vice-chair and other officers of the Council of Delegates**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda of the Council of Delegates**

## **II. Items for discussion and decision in plenary**

### **4. Protection in the Movement: Improving our collective impact in protecting people**

Protection work is increasingly important for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in achieving its mission, and the links with gender, diversity and inclusion work are ever more apparent. Protection needs worldwide are immense – millions of people continue to suffer violations of their fundamental rights and to be subjected to violence, discrimination and exclusion of all kinds in armed conflicts, other situations of violence, health crises and natural disasters. There is therefore a need to develop a fully common understanding of what protection means in practice to support coordination and complementarity.

The Movement-wide resolution on protection aims to determine how the Movement's actions can better support protection for more people by establishing a common understanding of what the Movement means by protection work and how it can be made more coherent and complementary, highlighting the added value of its work in this field.

### **5. Migration Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2024–2030**

The Movement's commitment and role in responding to the humanitarian needs of migrants in vulnerable situations, including refugees and asylum seekers, have been affirmed in several resolutions adopted by the Council of Delegates and the International Conference since the 1980s and emphasized through high-level dialogues at past Statutory Meetings.

In Resolution 9 “Towards a Movement strategy on migration”, the 2022 Council of Delegates endorsed the plan of the Migration Leadership Group to develop the first ever Movement-wide strategy on migration and formally mandated it to undertake this work by 2024 to ensure stronger and more sustained Movement engagement on behalf of migrants. As follow-up to this resolution, the 2024 Council of Delegates will examine and adopt the “International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Migration Strategy”.

## **6. Weapons and international humanitarian law**

Building on 2013 Council of Delegates Resolution 7 “Weapons and international humanitarian law”, the proposed resolution aims to draw attention to, revitalize and advance the Movement’s work on weapons and humanitarian disarmament, with a focus on nuclear weapons, landmines, arms transfers and autonomous weapon systems.

## **7. War in cities: A solemn appeal from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**

The Council of Delegates will be asked to endorse, through a resolution, a solemn Movement appeal that calls on states and parties to conflicts to take action to prevent the humanitarian consequences of war in cities. The Movement must shape the debate on urban warfare in the years to come. The appeal builds on the resolution and action plan on war in cities adopted at the 2022 Council of Delegates.

## **8. Call for respect and support for principled humanitarian action**

Recalling Resolution 13 of the 2022 Council of Delegates (CD/22/13) which welcomes the “Appeal for respect for neutral and impartial humanitarian action”, the Council of Delegates will be asked to endorse, through a resolution, a call for states and other stakeholders to support and respect neutral, independent and impartial humanitarian action.

The Movement will also reinforce its commitment to strengthening accountability and transparency and building trust with the people it serves, with external partners and within the Movement. This resolution could be brought to the attention of the participants of the 34th International Conference.

## **9. Extension until 2030 of the Restoring Family Links Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025**

The second Movement Restoring Family Links (RFL) Strategy 2020–2025 was adopted at the 2019 Council of Delegates (CD/19/R6). As a result of the postponement of the Statutory Meetings to 2024, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Movement will not have a valid RFL strategy beyond 2025. The Council of Delegates will therefore be invited to endorse, through a resolution, the RFL Leadership Platform’s proposal to extend the current strategy to 2030, given that it is still considered relevant.

## **10. Reaffirming the role of the Movement as a factor of peace**

The Council of Delegates will reaffirm, through a resolution, the commitment of all the components of the Movement to leverage their local to global reach as a means of mobilizing people in inclusive and peaceful communities, strengthening trust and fostering environments for sustainable peace and community resilience, particularly in settings already marked by instability and states affected by crises, including disasters and armed conflicts.

The Council of Delegates resolution will strongly urge the Movement as a whole and its individual components to exercise their global convening authority in the advancement of peace and stability.

## **11. Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on Operational Arrangements dated 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and Magen David Adom in Israel**

A resolution based on progress made since the adoption of Resolution 10 of the 2022 Council of Delegates will be considered for adoption at the 2024 Council of Delegates.

**12. Report on the work of the Standing Commission** including the Movement Policy Framework initiative.

**13. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 8** “Movement Coordination for Collective Impact Agreement (Seville Agreement 2.0)”

### **III. Other topics for decision**

**14. 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent**

- a. Adoption of the agenda of the 34th International Conference
- b. Proposal of officers for the 34th International Conference

### **IV. Follow-up and progress reports**

The reports listed below will be submitted as working documents to all members of the Council of Delegates 45 days before it opens.

Members of the Council of Delegates wishing to comment on these reports are invited to send written submissions to the Conference organizers. None of the following reports will be introduced during, or discussed by, the Council unless a request to do so is submitted in advance by a member.

**15. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 2** “Strengthening anticipatory action in the Movement: Our way forward”

**16. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 6** “War in cities”

**17. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 7** “Working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons: 2022–2027 action plan”

**18. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 11** “Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward”

**19. Report on 2022 Council of Delegates Resolution 12** “Safeguarding humanitarian data”

**20. Report on 2017 Council of Delegates Resolution 2** “Movement-wide principles for resource mobilization”

**21. Final report on Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC 2.0)**

**22. Report on 2019 Council of Delegates Resolution 2** “Statement on Integrity of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement”

**23. Progress Report on 2019 Council of Delegates Resolution 6** “Restoring Family Links: Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement 2020–2025”

**24. Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shōken Fund**

**25. Report on 2019 Council of Delegates Resolution 3** “Movement approach to strengthen the National Society statutory and constitutional base and complementary frameworks”

### **V Close of the Council of Delegates**