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## **Preserving the historical and cultural heritage of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**

*Follow-up to Resolution 6 of the Council of Delegates 2011*

### **Resolution**

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International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum**

## RESOLUTION

### **PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT**

The Council of Delegates,

*noting with appreciation* the follow-up work on Resolution 6 of the 2011 Council of Delegates carried out by a number of National Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (International Federation) and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum,

*endorsing* the recommendations of the report submitted to this Council of Delegates, and

*encouraging* all National Societies to establish an archive system and preserve their collections of images, objects and documents of historical value,

1. *recommends* that National Societies approach the national archives of their country or the relevant national association of museums for information about the professional norms and standards concerning archives and museography and establish any form of cooperation that will contribute to the training of their personnel and volunteers in these areas of expertise;
2. *recommends* that National Societies seek information from international professional associations, such as the International Council on Archives and the International Council of Museums (INCOM), in order to develop their own expertise in these fields;
3. *recommends* further that National Societies enhance the historical and cultural heritage of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) in their communication activities, particularly at events held to celebrate World Red Cross Red Crescent Day on 8 May, and in their promotional and fundraising campaigns, as appropriate;
4. *invites* National Societies to devote a specific page on their website to their history, providing inventories of their collections and, where appropriate, facilitating online access to them, and to encourage research and the publication of works based on their archives;
5. *takes note* of the readiness of the ICRC, the International Federation and a number of National Societies to assist sister National Societies in matters relating to the development and preservation of their archives and encourages the latter to make active use of these sources of expertise;
6. *invites* National Societies operating a museum to inform the International Museum of this fact, so that it can play a full role in providing liaison and guidance in the area of Red Cross and Red Crescent museography, and *invites* all National Societies intending to create a museum to contact the International Museum for any scientific support it may require in this regard;

7. *invites* the ICRC, the International Federation and the International Museum to take the opportunity provided by the international conference on the history of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to be held at Flinders University, Adelaide (Australia) from 9 to 11 September 2016, in order to organize a side event to encourage efforts undertaken within the Movement aimed at preserving and promoting the historical heritage of its components.