

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

XXIst INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS

This Conference will be held in Istanbul from 29 August to 13 September 1969. The provisional agenda, approved by the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross when it met in Geneva in September 1968, was as follows:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. Council of Delegates

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Secretaries of the Council of Delegates.
2. Approval of the Draft Agenda of the Conference drawn up by the Standing Commission.
3. Proposals to be made for the Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary General and Assistant Secretaries General of the Conference.
4. Proposals of Procedure submitted by the Standing Commission.
5. Information on the activities of the Henry Dunant Institute.

II. Plenary Meetings

1. Report of the Council of Delegates.
2. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General.
3. Reading of the Red Cross Basic Principles.
4. Opening of the Procedure for the Election of Members of the Standing Commission.

5. Appointment of the Commissions of the Conference:
 - (a) Commission for International Humanitarian Law and Relief to civilian populations in armed conflicts.
 - (b) General Commission.
 - (c) Drafting Committee.
6. The Red Cross as a Factor in World Peace.
7. Activity Report of the International Committee.
8. Activity Report of the League and of National Societies.
9. Activity Report of the Standing Commission.
10. Report of the Commission for the Financing of the International Committee.
11. (a) Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund.
 - (b) Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross on the Allocation of the Income of the Augusta Fund.
 - (c) Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross on the Awards of the Florence Nightingale Medal.
12. Reports of Commissions:
 - (a) Report of the Commission for International Humanitarian Law and Relief to civilian populations in armed conflicts.
13. Election of Members of the Standing Commission.
14. Place and Date of the XXIIInd International Conference of the Red Cross.

III. Meetings of Commissions

- A. *Commission for International Humanitarian Law and Relief to civilian populations in armed conflicts*
 1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur, Secretaries and the Drafting Committee.

2. Report on the Action taken on the Resolutions of the XXth International Conference.
3. Implementation and Dissemination of the Geneva Conventions.
4. Reaffirmation and Development of the Laws and Customs applicable to Armed Conflicts:
 - (a) Protection of the essential Rights of the Human being.
 - (b) Protection of Civilian Populations against the Dangers of Indiscriminate Warfare.
 - (c) Status of Civil Defence Services.
 - (d) Protection of Civil Medical and Nursing Personnel.
 - (e) Other Fields.
5. Protection of Victims of Non-International Conflicts:
 - (a) Role of the Red Cross.
 - (b) Possible Developments.
6. The presence, functions and relief operations of the International Committee of the Red Cross and of the League of Red Cross Societies in areas of armed conflict, with special reference to the civilian population.

B. *General Commission*

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteurs, Secretaries and the Drafting Committee.
2. Report on the Action taken on the Resolutions of the XXth International Conference.
3. The Red Cross and Developing Countries.
4. International Relief Actions in Natural Disasters:
 - (a) Planning and Co-operation.
 - (b) Revision of Principles.
5. Red Cross Adult and Youth Volunteers in the Community in Evolution:
 - (a) Nature of Red Cross Voluntary Service and its Motivation in 1969.

- (b) Use of Red Cross Adult and Youth Volunteers in the Community
 - in the health field,
 - in the social welfare field,
 - in the education field.
 - (c) Recruitment and Training of Adult and Youth Volunteers.
6. International Health Teams.
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A RESOLUTION OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE RED CROSS

On 20 December 1968, the United Nations General Assembly Plenary Session unanimously adopted the resolution quoted below. In it the United Nations affirms principles proclaimed by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross at Vienna in 1965. In addition, it associates the Red Cross in the work of promoting the better application and development of international humanitarian law.

During the discussions at New York the ICRC was represented, with observer status, by its Director, Mr. C. Pilloud, who was available for consultation by the General Secretariat and delegates. The draft resolution was submitted jointly by the delegations of Afghanistan, Denmark, Finland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Norway, Philippines, Sweden, Uganda, United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the necessity of applying basic humanitarian principles in all armed conflicts,

Taking note of resolution No. XXIII on "Human Rights in Armed Conflicts", adopted on 11 May 1968 by the International Conference on Human Rights, held at Teheran,

Affirming that the provisions of the resolution need to be effectively implemented as soon as possible,