

RESOLUTION 5

FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION 5 OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES IN 2003

EMBLEM

The Council of Delegates,

taking note of the report submitted by the Standing Commission on developments with regard to the issue of the emblem since Resolution 5 of the Council of Delegates and Resolution 3 of the 28th International Conference held in 2003 in Geneva,

reiterating the commitment of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to achieve, with the support of the States Parties to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, a comprehensive and lasting solution to the question of the emblem, on the basis of the proposed draft Third Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions;

recalling the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, in particular the principle of universality;

recognising the legal and protective value of the emblems used by components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which, by virtue of their inclusion in the Geneva Conventions and continuous practice for over a century, have become universally recognised symbols of impartial and neutral aid and protection to the victims of war, natural disasters and other catastrophes,

1. **notes with appreciation** the continued efforts of the Standing Commission, its Special Representative on the Emblem and its ad hoc Working Group, the ICRC and the International Federation in support of the process to achieve a comprehensive and lasting solution to the question of the emblem;
2. **welcomes** the work achieved since the 28th International Conference, in particular by the Government of Switzerland in its capacity as depositary of the Geneva Conventions, resulting in the convening on December 5, 2005 of the diplomatic conference necessary for the adoption of the proposed Third Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions on the Emblem;
3. **urges** National Societies to approach their respective governments in order to underline to them the necessity to settle the question of the emblem at the diplomatic conference through the adoption of the proposed draft third additional Protocol;

4. **requests** the Standing Commission, the ICRC and the Federation as a matter of urgency to undertake the measures needed to give effect to the third Protocol after its adoption, especially with a view to ensuring the achievement as soon as possible of the Movement's principle of universality;
5. **further requests** the Special Representative of the Standing Commission on the Emblem to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 29th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

