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OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
AND PROGRAMME**

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## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 26 November 2007**

15:00 – 18:45

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

#### **Welcome addresses**

- Chairman of the Standing Commission
- President of the Swiss Confederation

#### **Reading of the Fundamental Principles**

#### **1. Opening of the Conference**

### **FIRST PLENARY MEETING**

- 2. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary General, two Assistant Secretaries General and other officers of the Conference and establishment of the Conference's subsidiary bodies**
- 3. Organization of work**
  - Panel, plenary, commissions, Drafting Committee, workshops, side events
  - Procedure for adopting the Conference resolutions, and recording pledges
  - Procedure for electing the members of the Standing Commission
- 4. Keynote addresses**
  - President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
  - President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## **5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address the humanitarian challenges**

### ***Panel discussion (not part of the formal agenda of the Conference):***

- *environmental degradation, including climate change (panelist 1: Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Director General of the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI))*
- *international migration (panelist 2: Ms. Ndioro Ndiaye, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration)*
- *violence in urban settings (panelist 3: Dr Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Sudan)*
- *emergent and recurrent diseases and other public health challenges (panelist 4: Pr Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General)*
- *voice of the Red Cross and Red Crescent youth on partnerships and humanitarian challenges (panellist 5: M. Shaban Mawanda, Member of the Youth Commission, Uganda Red Cross Society)*

*Panel discussion facilitated by Ms Lyse Doucet, presenter and special correspondent, BBC World*

18:45 – 21:00

### ***RECEPTION***

*(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

- Welcome address by the authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva and of the City of Geneva

*Offered by the Swiss Federal Council and the authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva and of the City of Geneva*

**Tuesday, 27 November 2007**

9:30 – 13:00  
14:30 – 18:00  
(18:00 – 21:00)

## **SECOND PLENARY MEETING**

### **5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address humanitarian challenges (continued)**

- Summary of the panel's presentations
- General debate on partnerships to address the humanitarian consequences of:
  - ✓ *environmental degradation, including climate change*
  - ✓ *international migration*
  - ✓ *violence in urban settings*
  - ✓ *emergent and recurrent diseases and other public health challenges*

18:00 – 19:00

***Meeting with the candidates for the election to the Standing Commission***  
*(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

**Wednesday, 28 November 2007**

9:30 – 13:00

**COMMISSIONS** (debate in parallel Commissions A and B)

Commission A: **The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

Commission B: **Reaffirmation and implementation of international humanitarian law: preserving human life and dignity in armed conflict**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

14:00 – 18:00

**COMMISSIONS** (debate in parallel Commissions A and C)

Commission A: **The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field** (continued)

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

Commission C: **Strengthening the legal frameworks for international response to disasters**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

18:15 – 20:00

***WORKSHOPS*** (please refer to the separate programme of workshops)  
(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)

9:30 – 13:00  
and  
14:30 – 18:00

**DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

9:00 – 13:00

***WORKSHOPS (please refer to the separate programme of workshops)***  
*(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

15:00 – 18:00

### **THIRD PLENARY MEETING**

#### **5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address humanitarian challenges**

- Report on the general debate

#### **6. Election of the members of the Standing Commission**

- ❖ roll call
- ❖ launch of the election

#### **7. The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field**

- Report on the work of Commission A

#### **8. Reaffirmation and implementation of international humanitarian law: preserving human life and dignity in armed conflict**

- Report on the work of Commission B

#### **9. Strengthening the legal frameworks for international response to disasters**

- Report on the work of Commission C

#### **10. Follow-up to previous conferences**

- 28<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: implementation of the Declaration and Agenda for Humanitarian Action and of the pledges
- 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: information on action undertaken

#### **11. Standing Commission election: Proclamation of results (or continuation of election)**

9:30 – 13:00  
and  
14:30 – 18:00

### **DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

**Friday, 30 November 2007**

10:00 – 12:00

**FOURTH AND FINAL PLENARY MEETING**

- 12. Overview of the workshops**
- 13. Overview of the pledges made at the 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference**
- 14. Report of the Drafting Committee**
- 15. Adoption of the resolutions of the Conference**
- 16. Closing ceremony**