

Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

Plan of Action 2010-11

(Adopted by the Standing Commission 23 February 2010)

The Plan of Action (PoA) of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (SC) is based on tasks as per its mandate specified in the Statutes of the Movement and those stemming from various resolutions of the Council of Delegates (CoD) and of the International Conference (IC). Further, the PoA builds on work-in-progress, tasks and functions agreed upon in connection with specific issues/processes such as the Strategy for the Movement.

Since 2007 the SC PoA covers two (2) years between Council meetings. It is accompanied by a 2-year budget, no longer divided into core and ad hoc costs, as per the adopted sharing key for financing:

... the revised principle for financing the work of the Standing Commission ... based on

- *a two-year Plan of Action and*
- *budget to be the joint financial responsibility of the International Federation, the ICRC and the National Societies, on the basis of 1/3 each with the National Society contributions continuing on a voluntary basis.*

(2007 CoD Resolution 1)

Core activities

The SC has scheduled three (3) meetings of one day each in 2010 and tentatively three (3) in 2011, one being on the eve of the 2011 CoD and the 31st IC.

The main task is the preparation of the 2011 CoD and the 31st IC, the challenge being improved consultations with NS strongly called for by NS leaders in interviews in connection with the Strategy for the Movement -work on Action 4.

The 2009 CoD resolution 2

- (2) ***calls on*** the Standing Commission, the ICRC and the International Federation to take concrete steps to improve the dialogue with and the involvement of National Societies in the preparation of the 2011 statutory meetings in the interest of better ownership and implementation of the results of those meetings.

See also 'Strategy for the Movement' below.

Another focus area is '*to encourage and further the implementation of resolutions*' for which a functioning monitoring and follow-up of the outcomes of the 2009 CoD is to be enhanced and shared with the SC as per Resolution 2 of the same Council:

- (3) ***further calls on*** the International Federation and the ICRC, to enhance their monitoring mechanisms, involving their regional structures, for improved feedback from National Societies on the implementation of resolutions adopted by this Council and coming statutory meetings and to share the findings with the Standing Commission.

The SC will receive and act upon, as relevant, progress reports and regular updates on the implementation of the resolutions. It will continue to follow developments since the 30th IC through ICRC and International Federation reports.

Close attention will be on issues that may involve political risks for the 31st IC.

Conferences and regional/sub regional meetings

The SC will participate at regional conferences and other regional/sub regional meetings and events as invited and as relevant to issues it is dealing with. The main purpose is to consult National Societies (NS) on issues it is working on and to be informed of developments relevant to its tasks. In the coming 2-year period the focus will be on work on the Strategy and the preparation of the 2011 statutory meetings.

Specific activities

1. Council of Delegates and 31st IC 2011

While making arrangements for the next statutory meetings, in 2011, the SC seeks better consultation mechanisms involving NS for improved planning of the agendas. It will actively seek the views of NS as well as those of governments. Regarding the latter, it will invite a Group of Ambassadors (Friends of the Chair) at the latest during the 2nd half of 2010. (See also 2.1. below).

In cooperation with the Federation and the ICRC, the SC will explore better ways of consulting NS in continuation of on-going work on Movement fora, led by SC member Steve Carr.

For setting the agendas of the 2011 CoD and IC, the Commission, in close cooperation with the ICRC and the International Federation, will explore above mentioned improved mechanisms for NS input and direct consultations rather than appoint a formal working group.

At its 2nd meeting in 2010, (SCXV-9) the Commission will devote time for exploring substance issues for the 2011 meetings based on the outcomes of the 2009 CoD and on input as available at the time from NS and Governments.

2. Strategy for the Movement

2.1. Action 4

Work on the Strategy and its Action 4 on the complexities of Movement fora will continue guided by work carried out in 2008-09 as reported to the 2009 Council and by the resolution (2) of the same which

- (4) **invites** the Standing Commission to continue its work on reducing the complexities of the Movement fora in close consultation with National Societies, the ICRC and the International Federation and to present its proposals for change, as relevant, to the 2011 Council of Delegates.

The continued work foresees no formal working group. Mr Carr will continue to lead the process engaging all SC members. Together with the members, the secretariat and the network of NS leaders and previous WG members already involved, options and proposals

for change will be brought to the SC for direction and guidance, for decision as relevant and for submission to other statutory bodies as may be required.

The process will look at both short-term (2011 meetings) improvements and issues of longer-term nature demanding more work. The expectation is that the SC will take decisions affecting the preparations of the 2011 meetings latest in October 2010.

The 2009 CoD resolution 2 also invites NS to communicate to the SC “their views and thoughts on options for better alignment of Movement fora”, which will actively be sought during regional and sub-regional conferences as relevant.

2.2. Action 8

This action is about communicating effectively as a Movement on key messages. The 2009 CoD resolution 2

- (6) **invites** the ICRC and the Federation to analyse the ‘Our World – Your Move’ campaign in relation to the expected results of Acton 8 in the Movement Strategy to help guide all components on how to better communicate the Movement’s key messages.

The communications departments in charge are planning the review. It is hoped that the findings will be shared with the SC as follow-up of work on Action 8 and the above quoted Council resolution.

2.3. Other actions

The SC foresees that the 10 actions highlighted in the Strategy will, by and large, be completed by 2011. It encourages all components to work towards that goal and the ICRC and the Federation to actively pursue remaining work on actions where they have the lead.

2.4. Evaluation

Resolution 2 calls for an evaluation of the “achievement of the strategic objectives and the expected results of the ten actions” of the Strategy in operative paragraph 7. It calls on the Commission to do the work with the ICRC and the International Federation.

The SC invites the mentioned partners to appoint one representative each with evaluation expertise to the planned team, which will design the methodology to be used. The formal Terms of Reference will be brought for information to the SC.

2.5. Strategic Framework for the Movement

The Council requests the Commission “to examine the necessity of and to prepare” such a framework as a continuation of the present Strategy “as needed”. The work is to take into account findings from the evaluation under point 2.4 as well as internal and external challenges facing the Movement.

The Commission will develop a process for the work and assign the task of guiding it to one of its members.

The Secretariat

The Secretariat will continue to prepare the SC meetings, formal and informal, and to coordinate and work on the various issues. It will issue Newsletters (NL) after SC meetings and if/when need arises and looks towards greater input from SC members as per the adopted SC Communications Guidelines (November 2009). The NL is sent to all NS, to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to governments not represented in Geneva and to the ICRC and the International Federation for sharing with their field representations. It is translated into all working languages of the Movement, including Arabic.

The website (www.rcstandcom.info) will post key information on outcomes of statutory meetings, as a documentation base, and on the work of the SC, including preparations for the 2011 meetings as per aforementioned communications guidelines. No additional funding is sought during this planning period as there is still earmarked funding for the site (balance at the end of 2009: CHF 65'900).

The staff and tasks of the SC secretariat are not foreseen to change during this 2-year period. For financial services the SC relies on the Federation secretariat and the ICRC in addition to those of its own accountant.

The secretariat anticipates a move back to the ICRC premises as of March-April 2010 once practical arrangements have been settled. It is assumed that there will be no changes involving financial commitments.