

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS

Geneva, 14 to 31 October 1986

Pursuant to Decision No. VI of the Twenty-fourth International Conference of the Red Cross (Manila, 1981) to accept the offer made by the Swiss Red Cross to organize the next International Conference in Geneva, the relevant invitations were sent out to the members of the Conference in February of this year by the host Society.

The members of the International Conference are the duly recognized National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the States party to the Geneva Conventions, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

A certain number of observers—National Societies in formation and organizations interested in the issues to be dealt with by the Conference—have also been invited.

The Conference proper will take place in Geneva from 23 to 31 October 1986. From 14 to 22 October, it will be preceded by various meetings of the Movement, the General Assembly of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the Council of Delegates.

The provisional programme for all meetings and the draft Agenda for the Conference proper, as adopted by the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross, are as follows:

PROVISIONAL GENERAL PROGRAMME

A. Meetings of the Movement before the Conference

From Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 October

Preparatory meetings, working groups, commissions, etc.

From Friday 17 to Monday 20 October

Meetings of the League (Executive Council, General Assembly, etc.) according to a special programme

Tuesday 21 October

Council of Delegates

Wednesday 22 October

Special meetings

B. The Conference proper

Thursday 23 October (afternoon/evening)

Opening ceremony, first plenary meeting, reception

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 October

Meetings of Commissions

Sunday 26 October

No meetings

Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October

Meetings of Commissions

Wednesday 29 October

No meetings, day set aside for the preparation of reports

Thursday 30 and Friday 31 October

Plenary meetings and closing session.

XXVTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS

Provisional Agenda

OPENING CEREMONY (October 23)

Opening addresses

Solemn reading of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross
(The programme will be established later.)

FIRST PLENARY MEETING (October 23)

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary-General, Assistant Secretaries-General of the Conference and of the Drafting Committee of the Conference on the proposal of the Council of Delegates
2. Report on the work of the Council of Delegates
3. Appointment of Conference Commissions
Commission I : International Humanitarian Law
Commission II: General Commission
4. Opening of the procedure of the election of the members of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross
5. Report of the Chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross

SECOND AND FOLLOWING PLENARY MEETINGS (30/31 October)

1. Election of the members of the Standing Commission
2. Reports of Commissions I and II and adoption of resolutions and recommendations
3. Place and date of the Twenty-sixth International Conference

COMMISSION I: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

1. Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur and the members of the Drafting Committee
2. Respect for International Humanitarian Law:
 - 2.1 Report on the activities of the ICRC including follow-up to the following resolutions of the Twenty-fourth International Conference:
III: "Application of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949"
IV: "Humanitarian activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross for the benefit of victims of armed conflicts"
VI: "Respect for International Humanitarian Law and for humanitarian principles and support for the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross"

- 2.2 Report on signatures, ratifications and accessions to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions, including follow-up to Resolution VII of the Twenty-fourth Conference
- 2.3 Identification of medical transport, including follow-up to Resolution VIII of the Twenty-fourth International Conference
- 2.4 Dissemination of knowledge of International Humanitarian Law and of the Red Cross Principles and ideals, including follow-up to Resolution X and Resolution XI, "International courses on the Law of War", of the Twenty-fourth International Conference
- 2.5 Torture, including follow-up to Resolutions XIV (torture) and XV (Assistance to victims of torture) of the Twenty-fourth International Conference
- 2.6 Follow-up to other resolutions of the Twenty-fourth International Conference, in particular Resolutions V (Anti-piracy efforts), IX (Conventional weapons) and XIII (Disarmament, weapons of mass destruction and respect for non-combatants)
- 3. Tracing and family reunion:
 - 3.1 Information on the activities of the Central Tracing Agency, including follow-up to Resolutions I (Wearing of Identity discs) and II (Forced or involuntary disappearances) of the Twenty-fourth International Conference
 - 3.2 Tracing activities of National Societies
- 4. Other business

COMMISSION II: GENERAL COMMISSION

- 1. Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur and the members of the Drafting Committee
- 2. Revision of the Statutes of the International Red Cross and of the Rules of Procedure of the International Conference of the Red Cross:
 - 2.1 Draft Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
 - 2.2 Draft Rules of Procedure of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

3. Revision of the regulations on the use of the emblem (follow-up to Resolution XII of the Twenty-fourth International Conference)
 4. Financing:
 - 4.1 Financing of the ICRC by governments (follow-up to Resolution XVII of the Twenty-fourth International Conference)
 - 4.2 Financing of the ICRC by National Societies (follow-up to Resolution XVIII of the Twenty-fourth International Conference)
 - 4.3 Financing of League programmes by governments through National Societies
 5. The International Red Cross and refugees, including follow-up to Resolution XXI of the Twenty-fourth International Conference
 6. ICRC/League policies in emergency situations:
 - 6.1 Nutrition policy
 - 6.2 Medical supplies
 - 6.3 Relief operations, including "Principles and Rules for Red Cross disaster relief"
 7. Development of National Societies as a contribution to national development (follow-up to Resolution XXV of the Twenty-fourth International Conference)
 8. Report from the League's General Assembly (including follow-up to Resolutions XII, XXIV and Decision IV of the Twenty-fourth International Conference)
 9. Follow-up to other resolutions of the Twenty-fourth International Conference, in particular Resolutions XIX (The role of voluntary service in the Red Cross), XX (Joint Commission for National Society statutes), XXIII (Involvement of volunteers in Red Cross community services), XXVI (the role of medical personnel in the preparation and execution of Red Cross emergency medical actions) and XXVII (International year of disabled persons)
 10. Other business.
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