

PREPARATION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE

Manila, 29 October-14 November 1981

Pursuant to a decision taken in May 1978 by the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross to accept the Philippine Red Cross Society's offer to host the next International Conference in Manila, that National Society sent in March this year invitations to conference members.

Members of the International Conference are the duly recognized National Red Cross Societies, States parties to the Geneva Conventions, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies. Invitations have been sent also to a number of observers, emerging National Societies and organizations which are concerned for the problems dealt with by the Conference.

The Conference itself will take place in Manila from 7 to 14 November. It will be preceded by various meetings of the Red Cross and of the League General Assembly, starting on 29 October, and by the Council of Delegates meeting on 6 November.

We give below the programme and provisional agenda as adopted by the Standing Commission :

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 29 October

- 9.30 a.m. Permanent Scale of Contributions Commission of the League
Commission on Red Cross and Peace
- 3 p.m. Permanent Scale of Contributions Commission of the League
Commission on Red Cross and Peace

Friday 30 October

- 9 a. m. Finance Commission of the League
- 9.30 a.m. Working Group on the Emblem
- 2 p.m. Finance Commission of the League
- 3 p.m. Working Group on the Emblem

Saturday 31 October

- 9.30 a.m. Executive Council of the League (VIIIth Session)
- 3 p.m. Executive Council of the League (VIIIth Session)

Sunday 1 November

No meetings

Monday 2 November

- 9.30 a.m. Opening and first meeting of the Second Session of the General Assembly of the League
- 3 p.m. Second meeting of the General Assembly of the League

Tuesday 3 November

- 9.30 a.m. Third meeting of the General Assembly of the League
- 3 p.m. Fourth meeting of the General Assembly of the League

Wednesday 4 November

- 9.30 a.m. Fifth meeting of the General Assembly of the League
- 3 p.m. Sixth meeting of the General Assembly of the League

Thursday 5 November

- 9.30 a.m. Seventh meeting of the General Assembly of the League
- 3 p.m. Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Commission for the Financing of the I.C.R.C.

Friday 6 November

- 9.30 a.m. Council of Delegates
- 3 p.m. Council of Delegates

Saturday 7 November

- Morning Opening ceremony of the XXIVth International Conference
 of the Red Cross
- 3 p.m. Plenary meeting
- 4 p.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)
- Evening Reception offered by the Philippine Government

Sunday 8 November

No meetings

Monday 9 November

- 9.30 a.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)
- 3 p.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)

Tuesday 10 November

- 9.30 a.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)
- 3 p.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)

Wednesday 11 November

- 9.30 a.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)
- 3 p.m. Protection and Assistance Commission (I)
 General and Organizational Commission (II)
 Community Services and Development Commission (III)

Thursday 12 November

No meetings (Preparation of Reports of Commissions)

Friday 13 November

9.30 a.m. Plenary meeting

3 p.m. Plenary meeting

Saturday 14 November

9.30 a.m. Plenary meeting

3 p.m. Plenary meeting

6 p.m. Standing Commission of the International Red Cross

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Secretaries of the Council of Delegates.
2. Proposals to be made for the election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary General and Assistant Secretaries General of the Conference and approval of the Provisional Agenda of the Conference as drafted by the Standing Commission.
3. Election of the Drafting Committee of the Council of Delegates and proposals for the election of the Drafting Committee of the International Conference.
4. The Red Cross as a Factor for Peace.
Report by the Commission on the Red Cross and Peace on its work (Decision No. 2/1977 and Session of the Council of Delegates, 1979).
5. Report by the Working Group on the Emblem (Decision No. 3/1977).
6. Action of the Red Cross against torture.
7. Information on the Joint ICRC/League Working Groups:
 1. Development of National Societies.
 2. Assistance.
 3. Information.

8. Report on the activities of the Henry Dunant Institute.
9. Funds and Medals.
 1. Award of the Henry Dunant Medal.
 2. Report on the award of the Florence Nightingale Medal and on the income of the Augusta Fund.
 3. Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund.
 4. Report of the Council of the Foundation for the ICRC.
10. Miscellaneous.

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PLENARY MEETINGS

Provisional Agenda

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. Solemn reading of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross.
3. Report on the work of the Council of Delegates.
4. Appointment of Conference Commissions.
 Commission I : Protection and Assistance.
 Commission II : General and Organizational Matters.
 Commission III: Community Services and Development.
5. Opening of the procedure for the election of the members of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross.
6. Report on the work of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross.
7. Reports of the Commissions and adoption of their resolutions and recommendations:
 - (a) Commission I.
 - (b) Commission II.
 - (c) Commission III.
8. Election of the members of the Standing Commission.
9. Place and date of the XXVth International Conference of the Red Cross.

MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS

Commission I: Protection and Assistance

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee members.
2. Report on activities of the ICRC.
3. Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols:
 1. Follow-up to Resolution III of the XXIIIrd International Conference of the Red Cross; Report on signatures, ratifications and accessions to the Protocols;
 2. Follow-up to Resolutions 17, 18 and 19 of the Diplomatic Conference on the reaffirmation and development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in armed conflicts (Geneva, 1974-1977);
 - Use of certain electronic and visual means of identification by medical aircraft (Resolution 17);
 - Use of visual signalling for identification of medical transports (Resolution 18);
 - Use of radio communications for announcing and identifying medical transports (Resolution 19);and follow-up to Resolution IX of the XXIIIrd International Conference on Red Cross emergency radio-communications;
 3. Follow-up given to Resolution 22 of the Diplomatic Conference (Geneva, 1974-1977);
Follow-up regarding prohibition or restriction of use of certain conventional weapons.
4. Dissemination of knowledge and teaching of International Humanitarian Law and of the Principles and ideals of the Red Cross:
 1. Report on the implementation of Resolution No. VII of the XXIIIrd International Conference of the Red Cross, on "Dissemination of knowledge of International Humanitarian Law applicable in armed conflicts and of the fundamental Principles of the Red Cross";

2. Report on the implementation of the "Programme of Action of the Red Cross with respect to dissemination of International Humanitarian Law and of the Principles and Ideals of the Red Cross, 1978-1981", and presentation of the Programme of Action 1982-1985;
3. Report on the work of the Joint Working Group of Experts on the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law and the Principles and Ideals of the Red Cross.
5. Emblem:
 1. Protection of the use of the emblem;
 2. Revision of the Regulations on the use of the emblem by the National Societies (adopted by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross in Vienna, 1965);
 3. Information on the conclusions of the Council of Delegates on the emblem.
6. Report on follow-up to other Resolutions of the XXIIIrd International Conference, 1977 (Res. IV, V, VI, XII and XIV).
7. General policy of the Red Cross in refugee operations.
8. The role of the Central Tracing Agency as co-ordinator and adviser to National Societies and Governments (National Information Bureaux).
9. Miscellaneous.

Commission II : General and Organizational Matters

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee.
2. Reports on the activities of the League and of the National Societies.
3. Attitude of the Red Cross on the taking of hostages (Res. VIII, XXIIIrd International Conference, 1977).
4. Follow-up to Resolution No. XX/1977 of the XXIIIrd International Conference "Promoting the image of the Red Cross worldwide".

5. Report of the Commission for the financing of the ICRC and proposals for the future.
6. Progress report on the study on "Natural disaster relief actions and International Law — Protection of human beings in disaster situations".
7. Amendments to the Principles and Rules for Red Cross Disaster Relief (Recommendation 6 of the 1st Session of the League General Assembly, 1979).
8. Voluntary service in the Red Cross.
9. Report on the work of the Joint ICRC/League Commission on the Statutes of National Societies (follow-up to Resolution VI of the XXIIInd International Conference, Teheran, 1973).
10. New regulations for the Henry Dunant Medal.
11. Reconsideration of the regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal (Recommendation 2 of the 1st Session of the League General Assembly, 1979).
12. Twelfth edition of the International Red Cross Handbook.
13. Miscellaneous.

Commission III : Community Services and Development

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee.
2. Co-operation between governments and Red Cross in organizing Primary Health Care programmes (follow-up to Recommendation 7 of the 1st Session of the League General Assembly, 1979).
3. Integration of Red Cross activities in Community services (follow-up to Resolutions XV and XVII of the XXIIIrd International Conference).
4. Development of National Societies in the context of national development plans (follow-up to recommendations of the 1st Session of the League General Assembly, 1979).

5. The role of the Red Cross in the development of national blood transfusion programmes (follow-up to Resolution XVI-XXIIIrd International Conference).
 6. Red Cross contribution to a better human environment in relation to governmental programmes (follow-up to Resolution XXI of the XXIIIrd International Conference).
 7. Report on follow-up to other resolutions of the XXIIIrd International Conference (Resolution XIX and XXII).
 8. Preparation of National Societies for emergency medical action.
 9. Miscellaneous.
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