TWENTY-THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE RED CROSS

Bucharest, October 1977

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
(with references to documents for the Council of Delegates and the International Conference)

I

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

1. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman 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.

3. Approval of the draft Agenda of the Conference drawn up by the Standing Commission.

   Document:
   - Comments on the provisional agenda (CD/3/2...);

Documents:

- Action taken on resolutions of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and of the Councils of Delegates in 1973 and 1975 (CD/4/1);

- Programme of Action of the Red Cross as a Factor of Peace - action taken on Resolution 2/1975 of the Council of Delegates (CD/4/2);

- Re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross - action taken on Resolution 3/1975 of the Council of Delegates (CD/4/3);

5. Funds and Medals:

(a) Award of the Henry Dunant Medal;

(b) Report on the income of the Augusta Fund and the awards of the Florence Nightingale Medal;

   Document:

   - Funds and Medals: report on the awards of the Florence Nightingale Medal; report on the Augusta Fund revenue (CD/5/1);

(c) Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shōken Fund;

   Document:

   - Report of the Joint Commission of the Empress Shōken Fund (1974 - 1977) (CD/5/2);

(d) Report of the Commission for the Financing of the ICRC;

   Document:

   - Funds and Medals: report of the Commission for the Financing of the ICRC (CD/5/1);

(e) Report of the Council of the Foundation for the ICRC;

Document:

- Activity Report of the Henry Dunant Institute (1973 - 1977) (CD/6/1);


Documents:

- Comments on the Provisional Agenda (CD/3/2 - pages 9 - 13);

- Re-appraisal of the Role of the Red Cross - action taken on Resolution 3/1975 of the Council of Delegates (CD/4/3);


This is recommended reading for a study of the re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross. Each chapter relates to an agenda item on the re-appraisal.

Constitution of three sub-committees to discuss the Report on the Re-appraisal of the Role of the Red Cross;

Sub-Committee A: subjects to be dealt with by Commission I: Protection and Assistance;

Sub-Committee B: subjects to be dealt with by Commission II: General and Organizational Commission;

Sub-Committee C: subjects to be dealt with by Commission III: Community Services and Development.
8. Discussions and adoption of resolutions on proposals of the Sub-Committees.

II

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
PLENARY MEETINGS

Documents:

- Comments on the Provisional Agenda (...P...);
- The ICRC, the League, and the Tansley Report;
- Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions (International Review of the Red Cross, August - September 1977).


2. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary General and Assistant Secretaries General.

3. Appointment of Conference Commissions:

   Commission I : Protection and Assistance;
   Commission II : General and Organizational Commission;
   Commission III : Community Services and Development;
   Resolutions Drafting Committee.

4. Opening of the procedure for the election of members of the Standing Commission.

5. Formal reading of the fundamental principles of the Red Cross.
Document:
- Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross;


7. Reports of the Commissions:
   (a) Commission I;
   (b) Commission II;
   (c) Commission III;
   (d) Fundamental role of the Red Cross.

8. Election of members to the Standing Commission.

9. Place and date of the Twenty-fourth International Red Cross Conference.

III

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS

Commission I: PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE

Document:
- Comments on the Provisional Agenda (...CPA...);

I. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee.

II. Report on the action taken on the resolutions of
the Twenty-second International Conference.

Documents:

- Action taken on resolutions of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and of the Councils of Delegates in 1973 and 1975 (CPA/II/1...);

- European Red Cross Seminar on the Dissemination of the Geneva Conventions (Warsaw, 21 - 30 March 1977) (CPA/II/2);

III. Results of the Diplomatic Conference on the Re-affirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts.

Documents:

- Report on the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts, including the action taken on resolutions V, XIII and XIV of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross (CPA/III/1);

- Reinforcement in the Additional Protocols of the role of National Societies (CPA/III/2);

- Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions (International Review of the Red Cross, August - September, 1977).

IV. Re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross;

Document:

- The ICRC, the League, and the Tansley Report;

1. Fundamental role;

2. Assistance in the event of natural disasters;
   (a) proposals of a general nature;

Document:

- Comments on the Provisional Agenda (CPA...), pages 21 to 24.
(b) collaboration with other organizations;
(c) new ventures;

3. Protection and assistance in the event of armed conflict;
   (a) proposals of a general nature,
   (b) development of international humanitarian law,
   (c) dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law and of Red Cross principles,

Documents:
- Implementation and dissemination of the Geneva Conventions (CPA/IV.3c/1);
- Implementation and dissemination of the Geneva Conventions (Annex) (CPA/IV.3c/2);
   (d) protection and assistance in cases covered by international humanitarian law,
   (e) protection and assistance in situations not covered by international humanitarian law;

4. Planning for action in natural disasters and in armed conflicts;

V. Miscellaneous

Commission II: GENERAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMISSION

Document:
- Comments on the Provisional Agenda (...CGO...);

I. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee.
II. Report on the action taken on the resolutions of the Twenty-second Conference.

Documents:

- Action taken on resolutions of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and of the Councils of Delegates in 1973 and 1975 (CGO/II/1...);

- The Red Cross as a Factor in World Peace - action taken on Resolution XI of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross (CGO/II/2).

III. Reports on the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross, of the League of Red Cross Societies, and of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies.

Documents:

- Main areas of co-operation and joint activities of the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross since the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross (1973 - 1977) (CGO/III/1);

- Provisional report on ICRC activities (1 January - 30 June 1977) (CGO/III/2);

National Society reports;


IV. Re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross.

Document:

- The ICRC, the League, and the Tansley Report;

1. Fundamental role;

2. Fundamental principles;

3. Emblems;
An offprint is available of the monograph which appeared in the April, May and June 1977 issues of "International Review of the Red Cross".

4. The Red Cross and Peace;

   Document:

   - Comments on the Provisional Agenda (...CGO...), page 25;

5. International Conference of the Red Cross and the Council of Delegates;

6. Standing Commission of the International Red Cross;

7. National Societies;

8. International Committee of the Red Cross;

9. League of Red Cross Societies.

V. Miscellaneous.

Commission III : COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

   Document:

   - Comments on the Provisional Agenda (...CSC...);

I. Election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteur and Drafting Committee.

II. Report on the action taken on the resolutions of the Twenty-second International Conference.

   Document:

   - Action taken on resolutions of the Twenty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and of the Councils of Delegates in 1973 and 1975 (...CSC/II/1...);
III. Re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross;

Document:
- The ICRC, the League, and the Tansley Report;

1. Fundamental role;
2. Health and social welfare;
3. Development;
4. Youth;
5. Information.

IV. Environment;

Document:
- Environment - the Red Cross and the Protection of the Environment (CSC/IV/1);

V. Miscellaneous.