

XXIst INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSSPLENARY MEETINGS

Istanbul, 6, 12 and 13 September 1969

Item 13 of the AgendaElection of Members of the Standing Commission

Procedure Proposals submitted by
the Standing Commission

1) Commissions of the Conference

The Standing Commission proposes that two Commissions be set up : the Commission for International Humanitarian Law and Relief to Civilian Populations in Armed Conflicts and the General Commission.

2) Vice-Chairmen of the Conference

The Standing Commission proposes that as in New Delhi and Vienna the Vice-Chairmen be appointed in the persons of the heads of Delegation of the National Societies represented, the Chairman of the Standing Commission, the President of the ICRC and the Chairman of the League.

3) Drafting Committees

The Standing Commission proposes that within each of the two Commissions a Drafting Committee of three persons, each knowing one of the working languages of the Conference, be constituted. These two Committees would then join forces to form the Drafting Committee for the Resolutions of the Conference, with the Secretary General of the Conference and his deputies possibly participating in its work.

4) Participation of the Press

The Standing Commission proposes that, as in the case of previous Conferences, the press be admitted to all the plenary meetings of the Conference as well as to the meetings of the Commissions, each Commission however being perfectly free to decide whether the press will be excluded from certain meetings, for the whole or part of the time.

5) Election of the members of the Standing Commission

The Standing Commission proposes that the XXist Conference adopt the following procedure :

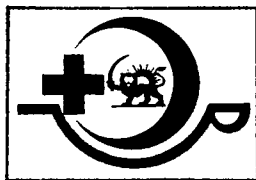
a) At the first plenary meeting on 6 September the Chairman will announce that five members of the Standing Commission will be elected at the final plenary meeting.

b) Nominations should be submitted to the Conference Bureau up to 12 noon on 11 September each one being accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee, in particular stressing his Red Cross experience.

c) The Conference Bureau will submit at the final plenary meeting on 13 September a full list of all nominees together with an indication of the five who, in its view, are best qualified for this high office.

d) The number of nominations for any one candidate will in no way influence the Bureau in making its recommendations which shall be based solely on merit.

e) The election will be by secret ballot.



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PLENARY SESSION

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ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION

1. Since the last Conference, the Standing Commission has made a careful study of questions concerning the method of election and the most appropriate procedure for nominating candidates.
2. Article 22, of the Rules of Procedure of the International Conference of the Red Cross, which deals with the method of election, shall be strictly observed. With regard to the nomination of candidates, attention is drawn to the fact that members are elected by the Conference in a purely personal capacity and all candidates will be expected to be fully conversant with the activities of the International Red Cross and its conferences.
3. The following was decided:
 - a) At the first plenary meeting, which will be held on 6 September, the Chairman will announce that the election of five members of the Standing Commission will take place at the last plenary meeting;
 - b) Candidatures shall be submitted to the Bureau of the Conference not later than noon on 12 September; a brief personal history containing the candidate's International Red Cross experience should be attached; A list of these candidates will be at the disposal of delegates at the Bureau of the Conference;
 - c) The Bureau of the Conference will submit a complete list of candidatures to the last plenary meeting, which will be held on 13 September, and will indicate the names of the five candidates who are, in its opinion, the best qualified to fill this high office;
 - d) The number of candidatures for a single post shall in no way influence the Bureau in its recommendations which shall be based exclusively on the merits of the candidates;
 - e) The vote shall be taken by secret ballot.