

Election of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
by the 31st International Conference

Election procedure

The International Conference elects five (5) members to the Standing Commission (SC) of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

They are elected for the 4-year term between two Conferences. They have to be members of a National Society (Article 17 / Statutes of the RCRC Movement) and are elected in a personal capacity, taking into account personal qualities and the principle of fair geographical distribution.

The SC members shall be elected by secret ballot by the **members of the Conference**. That is, by the National Societies **and** by the States party to the Geneva Conventions.

The election process starts immediately after the opening of the plenary meeting on **Wednesday, 30 November** at 09.00H, when a **roll call** will take place to determine the *absolute majority* required to be elected in the first round.

If less than five (5) members are elected in the first round, a second ballot shall be held in which the candidate(s) obtaining the *largest number of votes* shall be declared elected.

The head of delegation of each National Society and state, or the delegate designated by him/her, shall cast the vote(s). Each delegation can vote for a maximum of 5 persons, taking into account their personal qualifications and fair geographic distribution. The delegations will be called in alphabetical order to cast their votes in the election room at the Conference centre.

At the latest on Tuesday morning, 29 November, the CV of each candidate, together with detailed instructions for the election process, will be circulated to all delegations at the Conference Centre.

The result of the 1st ballot shall be announced shortly before the Conference adjourns for lunch, approximately at 12.15 pm. If a 2nd ballot is needed, the election process is repeated as of 14.00H in the afternoon of 30 November and the results are announced shortly before the end of the plenary meeting on the same day.