

**S**exual and gender-based violence and violence against health-care personnel and facilities, and against humanitarian volunteers, have become alarmingly common features of armed conflict, disasters and other emergencies. The consequences for victims, and for their families and communities, are extremely serious.

**T**here is an urgent need to formulate measures to address these humanitarian issues, and to develop international legal frameworks to strengthen preparedness for disasters and protection for people deprived of their liberty. These matters were tackled by the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, which was held in December 2015 in Geneva.

### The results of the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference

MORE THAN  
**2,300**  
PEOPLE

**169 STATES,**  
**183 NATIONAL SOCIETIES**  
**102 OTHER HUMANITARIAN ACTORS**  
**AND CORPORATE PARTNERS.**



**10**  
RESOLUTIONS



**215**  
PLEDGES

#### THEY COVERED VARIOUS HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

- Compliance with international humanitarian law
- Detention
- Sexual and gender-based violence
- Health Care in Danger
- Safety of humanitarian volunteers
- Disaster law

#### What is the International Conference?

It is a unique forum that brings together **STATES' REPRESENTATIVES, THE COMPONENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT** and other humanitarian actors, as well as the Movement's corporate partners.



Its decisions influence debates on humanitarian issues of universal concern and lead to the development of new policies and international law in various areas:

- THE CONDUCT OF WAR
- THE BANNING OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES
- REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

#### How does it work?

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONVENES EVERY



TO DISCUSS THE MOST PRESSING HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND TO DETERMINE **HOW** TO RESPOND TO THEM.

IT IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

**7** FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE MOVEMENT

- ✓ HUMANITY
- ✓ IMPARTIALITY
- ✓ NEUTRALITY
- ✓ INDEPENDENCE
- ✓ VOLUNTARY SERVICE
- ✓ UNITY
- ✓ UNIVERSALITY

Debates at the International Conference are free from political, racial, religious or ideological controversies.

#### What happens next?

AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, MEMBERS INTERPRET THE RESOLUTIONS ACCORDING TO THEIR CONTEXT AND SEEK TO FULFIL THE VOLUNTARY AND CONCRETE COMMITMENTS THEY MADE IN THE FORM OF PLEDGES.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS



Invest in training for volunteers to ensure their safety, and make certain that psychosocial support and insurance are provided for them.



Broaden public awareness of disaster risk reduction and disseminate information on the subject.

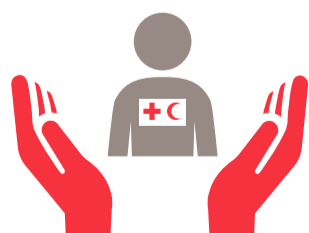


Put an end to impunity by investigating and prosecuting alleged perpetrators of sexual violence and by ensuring access to justice for victims.

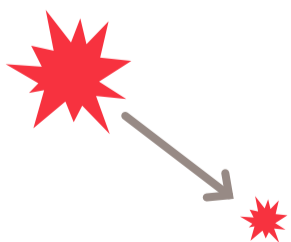


Ensure that armed forces and security forces take measures to secure protection for the provision of health care and for the wounded and sick.

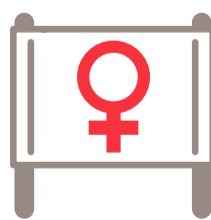
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Give priority to their safety when assigning National Society volunteers to disaster-affected areas.



Incorporate gender and disability-based considerations in the national plan of action for disaster risk reduction.



Promote women's empowerment and gender equality – by including women in processes for planning, implementing and evaluating humanitarian programmes, and through other means.



Organize round-tables with the pertinent State agencies in connection with protecting the delivery of health care.

THE IMPACT OF THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE ASSESSED AND REPORTED TO THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2019.