Almaty Commitments

We, the leaders of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Europe, gathered in Almaty from 2 to 4 May 2018 at the 10th European Regional Conference of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to agree on strategies and actions to scale up the individual and collective impact of National Societies in Europe to build resilience, provide humanitarian assistance and social care for vulnerable population at regional, national and local levels,

**Determined** to ensure the relevance, efficiency and sustainability of the Red Cross and Red Crescent work and actions across Europe with the mindset of One Unified Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement **and calling upon** IFRC Europe regional office to strengthen these efforts, and dedicate permanent resources, in particular in the area of migration, volunteering and youth,

**Determined** to address new challenges in the changing migration landscape, volunteer engagement and humanitarian assistance to the affected communities,

**Having regard to** the Policy on the protection of integrity of National Societies and the bodies of the International Federation,

**Considering** the obligations of States undertook in international legal instruments, such as the Geneva Conventions and previous resolutions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, in particular Resolution 2 of the 30th International Conference and 4 of the 31st International Conference defining the auxiliary role of NSs in the humanitarian field,

**Having regard to** the commitments foreseen in the Resolution on Movement-wide principles for resource mobilisation (CD/17/R2), adopted by Council of Delegates in November 2017,

**Having regard to** the commitments and the Plan of Action foreseen in the Resolution on Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC) (CD/17/R1) adopted by the Council of Delegates on November 2017,

Greatly concerned by the diminishing humanitarian space linked to possibilities to assist and protect migrants, and concerned by humanitarian consequences of the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine and committed to actively using the Movement Call for Action on the Humanitarian Need of Vulnerable Migrants resolution CD/17/R3 adopted by the Council of Delegates on November 2017, **determined** to work in line with the Fundamental Principles,

**Having regard to** the IFRC Volunteering Policy adopted by the 18th General Assembly and the Global Review on Volunteering Report,

**Having regard to** the ICRC and IFRC Red Cross Red Crescent Guide to Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) 2016,

Taking advantage of the historic opportunity created by the Grand Bargain including the localization agenda

Guided by the IFRC Global Strategy on Migration (2018-2020) endorsed at the IFRC’s General Assembly 2017,

**Commiting to** the Bishkek Declaration adopted by the 23rd European Youth cooperation meeting on April 30th 2018 and renewing its support to the European Youth Network
determined to increase diversity at all levels of National Societies as to be representative of the communities we serve, recalling the decision on Women in the Red Cross and Red Crescent adopted by the IFRC General Assembly on November 2017, and

These commitments will contribute to the preparation of the next statutory meetings, including the 33rd International Conference in 2019.

**MIGRATION**

We commit to:

- Respond to the vulnerabilities of migrants and their humanitarian needs regardless of their legal status, and to expand social inclusion activities for and with migrants, including increased efforts to tackle discrimination and xenophobia;
- develop national and regional migration strategies and guidance when migrants are recognised to be among the most vulnerable in our domestic context, involving relevant internal and external stakeholders, including migrant and host communities;
- to defend the humanitarian space of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and advocate with relevant authorities about migrants’ humanitarian needs and rights to ensure a principled approach to assisting migrants.
- cooperate in a more efficient and effective manner between NSs and the Governments in countries of origin, transit and destination for migrants, including migrant workers; Provide coordinated and complementary support to vulnerable migrants through trans-national cooperation between NSs sharing similar realities along the migratory routes, creating synergies and allowing sharing of resources.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

We commit to:

- Constantly improve quality of services to communities and regularly review their relevance through assessment of needs, community satisfaction surveys, strengthen partnership with Governments, taking into account ever-changing humanitarian context;
- Increase volunteer engagement by strengthening diversity in volunteers’ recruitment, including marginalized community members, and extend skills development opportunities;
- Review and strengthen the NSs policies and structures for youth and volunteering, based on research, evidence and surveys and using the potential of Volunteer Alliance;
- Ensure financial sustainability by diversifying income sources, developing country-specific resource mobilization strategies, and investing into fundraising development including capacity building;
- Ensure that we have the strategic insight and data in order to demonstrate our integrity and efficiency such that we can maximize funding opportunities that arise from localization agenda under the Grand Bargain;
- Invest in local capacities so that we are recognized as first-responders of choice by communities, governments and partners;
- Take a coordinating role in partnerships with other actors in accordance with our capacities, mandate, relevant strategies, when feasible and relevant;
COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

We commit to:

- Strengthen coordination and cooperation between all Movement components, pooling resources and authority when necessary and using the SMCC tool as a model, beyond large-scale emergencies, and ensure efficiency, relevance and cost-effectiveness of our models of collaboration and networks;
- Strongly engage in the development of IFRC Strategy 2030 to reflect local, national and regional humanitarian needs and trends.

We ask ISG to revise the indicators.

Acknowledgement to host National Society

The leadership of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Europe and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies wish to express their warmest thanks and appreciation to the leadership, staff and volunteers of the Red Crescent Society of Kazakhstan, excellent organization of the 10th European Regional Conference, and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to the local authorities of Almaty for the invaluable support and for the warm hospitality.