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# Role and Mandate of the ICRC

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# Session Outlines

- Brief history of the Int'l RCRC Movement
- Components of the RCRC Movement
- Fundamental Principles of the Movement
- RCRC emblems
- Mandate and its sources
- Key activities
- Video: ICRC Panorama 2017



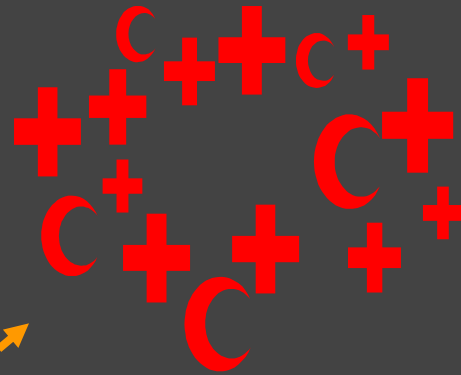
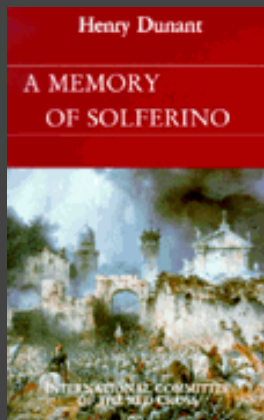
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# Brief History

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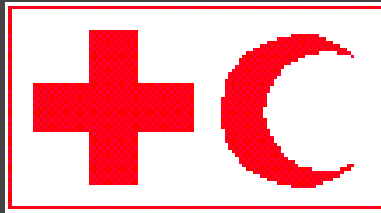
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# Int'l Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement: Composition



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



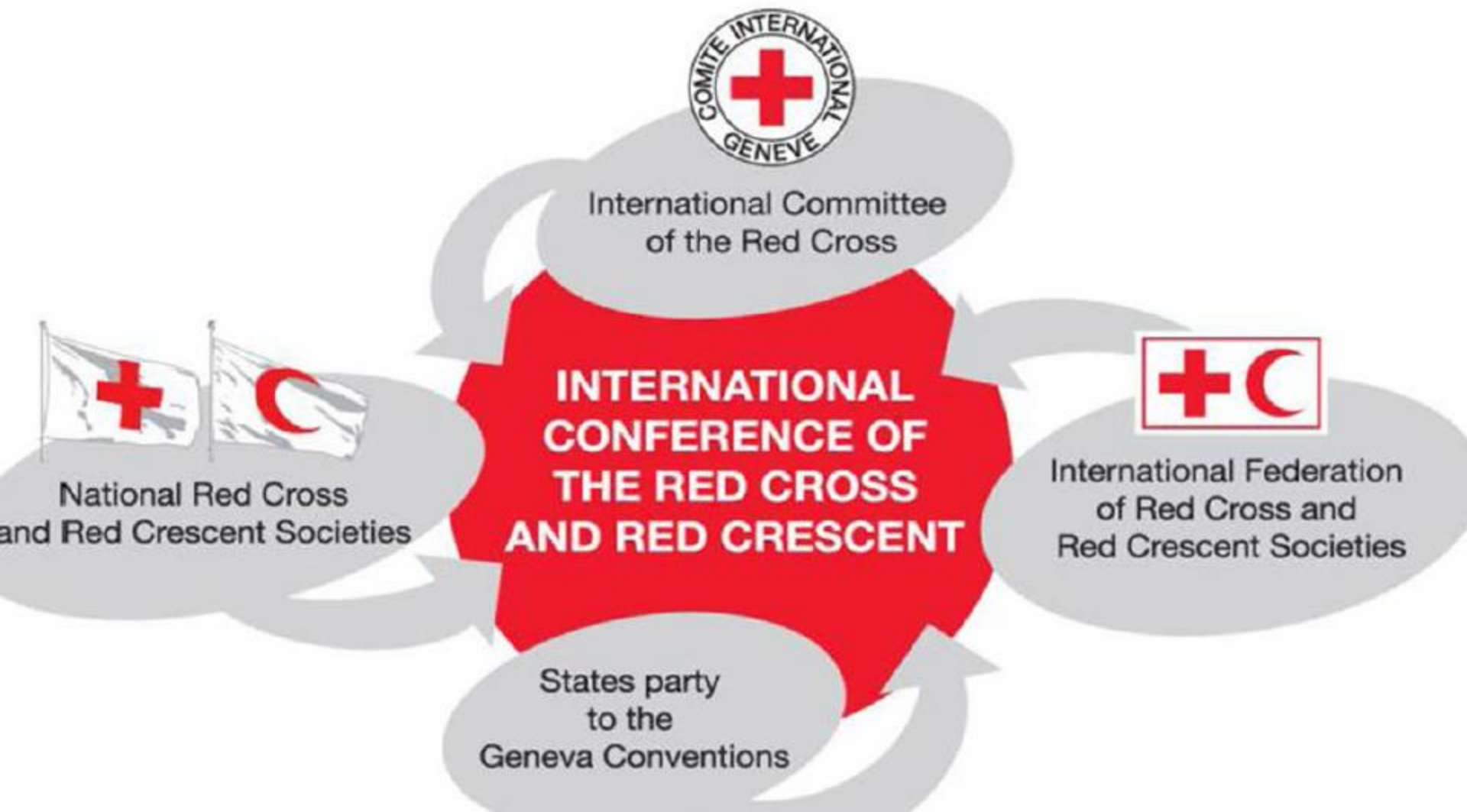
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International Committee of the Red Cross

# *What is the International Conference*





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# ICRC's Mission

The International Committee of the Red Cross is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavors to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflict and other situations of violence.



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# Sources of ICRC mandate

**It derives its mandate from:**

- Four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols
- Statute of the Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement
- Resolutions of the int'l RCRC conferences



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# Statutes of the Int'l RCRC Movement

“to work for the understanding and dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts and to prepare any development thereof”

Right of humanitarian initiative .....



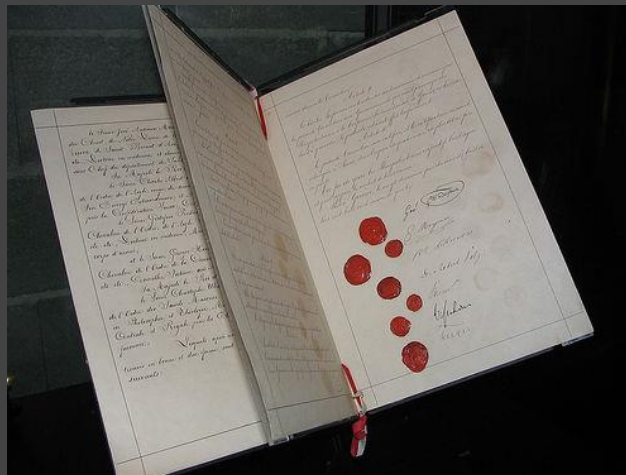


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# The ICRC: a unique organization



Independent humanitarian organization with a permanent and universal mandate





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# Modus operandi

- ▶ HUMANITY
  - ▶ IMPARTIALITY
  - ▶ NEUTRALITY
  - ▶ INDEPENDENCE
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- ▶ No weapons
  - ▶ Dialogue
  - ▶ Confidentiality



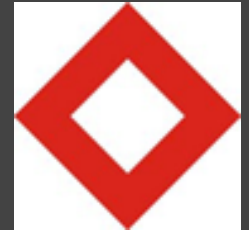
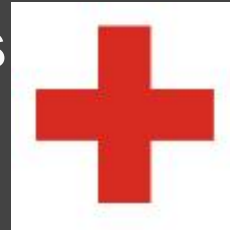


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# Emblems

- **Recognized emblems**

- ▶ Red Cross
- ▶ Red Crescent
- ▶ Red Crystal



- **Indicative use**

- ▶ connection with the Movement's components

- **Protective use**

- ▶ medical personnel
- ▶ medical establishments / units
- ▶ means of transport

- **Misuse of the emblem**

- ▶ imitation, usurpation, perfidy



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# ICRC and IHL

- Contributor to the development of IHL
- Promoter of IHL
- Monitor of IHL
- Advisory role in implementation

**Guardian / Custodian of IHL**



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# Key Activities



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# Protection





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# Assistance





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# Prevention







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