



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION  
40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of ICDO constitution  
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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*20<sup>th</sup> Session*

Geneva, 28 - 29 November 2012

**Decisions / Resolutions**

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**Minutes**

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## DECISIONS

### Decision 1

#### **Item 2      Designation of the Credentials Verification Committee**

According to Article 10 of the Internal Regulations, the General Assembly established the Credentials Verification Committee consisting of each of the following countries: Benin as chairman as well as Saudi Arabia and Niger as members.

The ICDO's Legal Advisor, Ms. Catherine Dezani, was appointed Rapporteur of the Committee.

### Decision 2

#### **Item 3      Report of the Credentials Verification Committee**

The General Assembly considered the Credentials Verification Committee's report confirming that the mandates of all the delegates present were valid.

As stated, the General Assembly unanimously **adopted** the Credentials Verification Committee's report and established the legality of the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

The quorum and right to vote requirements set out in Articles **15 and 16 of the Constitution** were fulfilled.

Number of Member States present: **42**

Number of Member States excused: **3**

Number Member States absent: **6**

### Decision 3

#### **Item 4      Adoption of the Agenda**

The Provisional Agenda was adopted **unanimously** after a debate concerning the content of an Item of the Agenda.

#### **Decision 4**

##### **Item 5 Election of the President and Vice-President of the General Assembly**

Cameroon, represented by Dr. Jean-Pierre Nana (Director of Civil Protection), was re-elected to the Presidency of the General Assembly for the period 2013-2014.

Nigeria, represented by Mr. John Edwin Anejo, Special Assistant to the Minister of Interior, was re-elected to the Vice-Presidency of the General Assembly for the period 2013-2014.

#### **Decision 5**

##### **Item 6 Election of members of Executive Council**

**The United Arab Emirates** were elected for a four-year mandate (2013-2016).

Member States whose mandate is set to end on 31 December 2012, namely, **Algeria, Pakistan, China, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia**, were re-elected for a four-year mandate (2013-2016).

All these States are called upon to designate a representative to the Executive Council.

#### **Decision 6**

##### **Item 7 Election of members of the Committee of the International Order of Civil Defence**

The General Assembly recommends extending for a two-year period (2013-2014) the mandate of the following members of the Committee of the International Order of Civil Defence: Mali and Jordan.

The two States are called upon to designate a representative to the Committee of the International Order of Civil Defence.

#### **Decision 7**

##### **Item 8 New member States and new observers**

Having considered Item 8, the General Assembly welcomes the admission of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the Organization and calls upon Member States to cooperate fruitfully with the new member.

#### **Decision 8**

##### **Item 8 Status of Observer States**

According to Article 2, para. 2 of the Internal Regulations, the Observer status of the following States has been confirmed for a two-year period: Chile, France, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Nicaragua, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia, South Africa, Switzerland, Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Serbia.

The General Assembly recommends that these States maintain their current status.



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## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION I**

#### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THE 19<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the reports on the activities of the Organization presented by the Secretary-General to the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Executive Council,

HAVING HEARD the Secretary-General's additional report on the activities of the Organization since the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council,

EXPRESSES its satisfaction and welcomes the development of the Organization's activities,

THANKS the Secretary-General for his constant efforts in favour of the Organization.

THANKS the Strategic Partner of ICDO, the Russian Federation, the Swiss and the Chinese Governments for their financial contribution to the ICDO's programmes.

ADOPTS the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization since the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

## **RESOLUTION II**

### **PROGRAMME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ICDO FOR THE YEARS 2013 AND 2014**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING HEARD the report of the Secretary-General on the Programme of activities of ICDO for the period 2013-2014,

ADOPTS the Programme unanimously and calls upon all Member States, Observer States and affiliated members to support this Programme and do their utmost to support the ICDO in carrying it out.

REAFFIRMS its confidence in the Secretary-General and confirms the support and assistance of all Member States in carrying out this Programme.

## **RESOLUTION III**

### **ADMISSION TO THE STATUS OF AFFILIATED MEMBER**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

IN ACCORDANCE with Article 50 of the Constitution and Article 2 of the Internal Regulations,

AND PURSUANT the procedures and criteria for accession to the status of associated member and affiliated member adopted by the General Assembly in its 13<sup>th</sup> Session,

CONFIRMS the admission of the following organizations to the status of ICDO affiliated member:

- The International Emergency Management Society - TIEMS (Belgium)
- The Arab Society for Occupational Safety and Health - ASOSH (Jordan)
- The Emergency Response Volunteer Team (Portugal)
- The Light Emergency Stretcher Systems – LESS AS (Norway)
- The World Medical Rehabilitation Center – WMRC (USA)
- Civil Defence Academy of EMERCOM of Russia (Russian Federation)

## **RESOLUTION IV**

### **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the submitted financial reports and HEARD the explanations provided by the Secretary-General,

APPROVES the ICDO accounts for the financial period 2010-2011,

INVITES Member States to settle their arrears and their annual financial contributions so that the Organization can carry out the Programme approved by Resolution II,

DISCHARGES the Secretary-General for his financial management during that period.

## **RESOLUTION V**

### **BUDGET PROGRAMME FOR THE YEARS 2013 AND 2014**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the ICDO Budget programme for the years 2013 and 2014,

HAVING HEARD the explanations of the Secretary-General,

APPROVES the Budget programme for the years 2013 and 2014 (up to 2'250'000.00 US\$ per year)

## **RESOLUTION VI**

### **CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS DUE BY MEMBER STATES**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING NOTED the Report of the Secretary-General,

THANKS all States committed to regularly pay their contributions,

INVITES the concerned Member States to settle their contributions in arrears,

AGREES to the proposal made by the Secretary-General to extend for a period of four years (31 December 2016) the deadline for implementing Resolution VII adopted by the General Assembly at its 18<sup>th</sup> session (2008) and scheduled to end on 31 December 2012,

INSTRUCTS the Secretary General to follow up the measures taken to implement this recommendation and encourages the concerned States to pay their contributions in arrears.

## RESOLUTION VII

### END-OF-SERVICE INDEMNITY FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND STAFF MEMBERS IN THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal submitted by the Permanent Secretariat regarding the end-of-service allowance for the Secretary-General and staff members of the Permanent Secretariat (Item 10.4.2),

APPROVES this proposal,

RECOMMENDS the following:

1. An End-of-Service Indemnity will be granted to the Secretary-General in the following cases:
  - Expiry of the statutory mandate of the Secretary-General.
  - Early termination of the mandate of the Secretary-General due to incapacity to perform her/his duties
  - Resignation.
  - Death.

The indemnity is calculated on the basis of the last monthly salary multiplied by the number of years of service (maximum of twelve years), with any period exceeding six months being counted as one year.

In case of death, the indemnity value is transferred to her or his spouse and children (male and female).

2. An End-of-Service Indemnity will be granted to the Permanent Secretariat's employee in the following cases:
  - Normal expiry date of their employment contract.
  - Early termination of contract due to incapacity to perform his/her duties
  - Resignation.
  - Death.

The indemnity is calculated on the basis of the last monthly salary multiplied by the number of years of service (maximum of five years), with any period exceeding six months being counted as one year.

In case of death, the indemnity value is transferred to her or his spouse and children (male and female). In the case of unmarried male or female employees, the allowance will be granted to the will's beneficiary signed by him or her and deposited with the ICDO Legal Department.

**The Termination Indemnity will not be granted if the employee's end of service is due to unsatisfactory services or disciplinary reasons.**

**In case of financial difficulties for the ICDO, the Executive Council could abrogate this decision. All the previous decisions in this matter are abrogated.**

The Resolution will enter into force as of 1 January 2013



## **RESOLUTION VIII**

### **DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS 44<sup>th</sup> AND 45<sup>th</sup> SESSIONS**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- a) **HAVING READ AND CONSIDERED** the decisions taken by the Executive Council at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Sessions,

**APPROVES** these decisions unanimously, without opposition or abstentions,

**INVITES** the Secretariat to implement the aforementioned decisions whereby projects and activities will contribute to the development of the ICDO services. (See Appendix: Decisions taken by the Executive Council at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Sessions)

- b) **ACCORDING TO** the article 2, Indent 5 of the Internal Regulations,

**CONFERS** the Status of Strategic Partner of the ICDO to the Russian Federation.

## **RESOLUTION IX**

### **DECISION 7.2 TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS 45<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

**IN VIEW OF** the importance of the decisions taken by the Executive Council at its 45<sup>th</sup> Session, Decision 7.2 thereof has been taken into consideration,

**APPROVES** the proposition made by the Secretary-General on the creation of two ICDO regional offices in Amman (Jordan) and Moscow (Russian Federation). These two regional offices will represent a first experience,

**REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to take the following necessary arrangements in 2013 to prepare the opening of these offices:

- Contact the relevant authorities in the host countries and inform them of the decision 7.2 of the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council,
- Take all legal and administrative actions required to host these offices.
- Address to the Strategic Partner, The EMERCOM of Russia, a formal request to consider the possibility to provide any financial support necessary for each office.
- Define a provisional annual budget (not more than 500'000 US\$) for each office, as a pilot project for two years. After this period, the Secretary General should present a report on this experience to the Executive Council to take the appropriate decision concerning the future of these two Offices.
- Prepare an annual programme of activities for both Offices

## **RESOLUTION X**

### **DECISION 7.3 TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS 45<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVE CONSIDERED Decision 7.3 taken by the Executive Council at its 45<sup>th</sup> Session,

APPROVES the launch of the International and Information Operational Centre project at the headquarters of the International Civil Defense Organization in Geneva, and REQUESTS the Strategic Partner, the EMERCOM of Russia, to consider the possibility to start the implementation of the project in 2013.

CALLS UPON the Permanent Secretariat to take the necessary technical and administrative measures to carry out the project,

URGES Member States to actively participate in supporting the project implementation.

**All States welcomed the project.**

## **RESOLUTION XI**

### **DECISION 7.3 TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS 45<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED a project submitted by the Secretary-General within the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ICDO and the Council of Arab Interior Ministers, regarding the classification of Arab civil protection and civil defense teams in view of intervening in various cases of natural and man-made disasters observed in the Arab world. The classification shall take into account the applicable international standards,

HAVING CONSIDERED the minutes of the meeting held between the two institutions at the ICDO Headquarters,

APPROVES the project, which includes the establishment of a joint committee consisting of experts from the ICDO, the Council of Arab Interior Ministers, the Arab Office for Civil Protection and Rescue and the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS). The joint Committee will be in charge of developing an action plan for launching the project. Such experience will be made available to all ICDO Member States.

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