

XVIII INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS
Guayaquil, 4-7 June 2007

- Resolution –

The XVIII Inter-American Conference, held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, from June 4th-7th under the theme “*Safer and healthier communities*”,

Recalling the Commitment of Santiago de Chile adopted by the XVII Inter-American Conference,

Confirming our commitment to the Strategy 2010, the Strategy for the Movement, the Plan of Action of the International Conference and the Federation of the Future,

Recalling Council of Delegates resolutions 2001/4 and 2003/10 on Movement action in favour of refugees and internally displaced persons and 2005/3 on Promoting respect for diversity and non-discrimination – a contribution to peace and friendship between peoples, as well as the Federation’s Global Health and Care Strategy 2006-2010,

Noting that the 16th Federation General Assembly and the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent to be held in November 2007 in Geneva will address these issues under the theme “Together for humanity”,

Welcomes and applauds the work of the two simultaneous seminars, the youth meeting and the thematic working groups;

Applauds the work of the Study Commission on the socio-economic situation of Latin America and the Caribbean and the evaluation of the Santiago de Chile Plan of Action 2003-2007, and **welcomes** its preliminary findings, and looks forward to receiving its final report by the end of 2007;

Approves the three strategic documents prepared by the thematic working groups on “Community Risk Reduction”, “Community Health”, and “Promotion of Non-discrimination and Respect for Diversity in the Community”, and acknowledges their significant contribution to the outcome of the XVIII Inter-American Conference, and requests the working groups to produce final documents by June 30, 2007;

Further approves the recommendations from the simultaneous seminars on “Migration and Vulnerability” and “The Humanitarian Reform, New Challenges in Disaster Management”,

Further Approves the Inter-American Plan 2007-2011, and requests CORI to incorporate the recommendations from

- the first Inter-American Red Cross Youth Meeting,
- the two simultaneous seminars on “Migration and Vulnerability” and “The Humanitarian Reform, New Challenges in Disaster Management”,

- the three thematic working groups on “Community Risk Reduction”, “Community Health”, and “Promotion of Non-discrimination and Respect for Diversity in the Community”
 - the three sub-regional working groups
- which were held during the Conference, and to provide a final document by July 15, 2007;

Requests CORI to coordinate the process of developing an implementation guide based on the principles of the Federation’s new performance and accountability framework, before the end of 2007;

Further approves the Guayaquil Commitment dated 7 June 2007 (Annex 1), and **urges** all members of the Conference to implement it;

Urges members of the Inter-American Conference to report, through CORI, regarding progress on the implementation of the Inter-American Plan 2007 – 2011 at the next Inter-American Conference;

Congratulates the Ecuador Red Cross, its volunteers and staff, and expresses gratitude for its warm hospitality and the excellent organization of the Conference.