



Xth Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies
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Report
Xth Mediterranean Conference
Of
The Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Athens, 27-31 March 2007

Themes:

- Migrants and Refugees
- Partnerships among Mediterranean National Societies
- Role of Red Cross /Red Crescent National Societies in Prisons
- Role of Red Cross /Red Crescent in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

Sub-themes:

- Migrants and Refugees-trafficking
- Migrants and Refugees-Gender issues
- Migrants and Refugees-Economic/Humanitarian Support
- Migrants and Refugees-Discrimination
- Permanent Office Activities
- Youth Camps-Atlantis I & II
- Role of Red Cross /Red Crescent in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals-Health & Fight against Discrimination
- Role of Red Cross /Red Crescent in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals-Poverty



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Participants:

- Delegations of the National Societies of:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey.

- Representatives from:

IFRC, ICRC, Standing Commission of the Red Cross/Red Crescent, Secretariat of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organisation, Red Cross Office of the European Union, Austrian Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross.

- Guests:

Representatives from Cyprus and a representative from the Hellenic Inter-Ministerial Committee for International Humanitarian Law.

- Apologies:

Algerian Red Crescent, Slovenian Red Cross, Lebanon Red Cross and no response from Andorran Red Cross.

Youth Camps:

- Atlantis I
- Atlantis II

Youths from the Mediterranean National Societies convened in these two camps and presented their reports during the conference.



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Steering Committee Meeting:

Two (2) meetings were held. Preparations and arrangements for the conference were discussed and finalised.

Meetings:

- March 27, 2007, at 17:00

Meeting of the Steering Committee, at Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens, "Alexander room":

Agenda included:

- Follow-up Report to the 9th Mediterranean Conference by the Egyptian Red Crescent;
- Draft Program/Agenda of the 10th Mediterranean Conference – Practical arrangements;
- Rules of Procedure 10th Mediterranean Conference;
- Logo of the Conference;
- Nomination of Officers;
- Venue of the 11th Mediterranean Conference;
- Other issues

-March 27, 2007, at 17:00

- Registration of the participants

-March 27, 2007, at 20:00

- Cocktail at "Technopolis", multi-cultural centre, offered by the Mayor of the city of Athens.



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March 28, 2007, at 9:00

- Opening Ceremony, at Royal Olympic Hotel, at Olympia plenary room Athens. Addresses were delivered by:

- ❖ **The President of the Hellenic Red Cross, Dr. Andreas Martinis;**
- ❖ **Mr. Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos;**
- ❖ **Mr. President of the Standing Commission, Dr Mohamed Al Hadid;**
- ❖ **Vice President of the International Federation, Mr. Bengt Westerberg;**
- ❖ **Mrs. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Dora Bakoyannis;**
- ❖ **Distinguished Member of the ICRC, Mr. Jacques Moreillon;**

- Plenary sessions were held at 28, 29, 30 March 2007 at Royal Olympic Hotel, “Olympia Room”, Athens.
- Spontaneous translation into four languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic) was provided.
- Presentations were distributed with relative documents after each participant’s speech/presentation.



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March 28, 2007:

First Session:

- Address of Secretary General of Hellenic Red Cross:
 - Discussion of the Steering Committee meeting on the adoption of a permanent logo proposed by the Turkish Red Crescent;
 - Following Rules of Procedure / election of Bureau of the Conference:
 - President of the Conference, the Hellenic Red Cross appoints the Secretary-General of the Hellenic Red Cross, **Mrs. Elli Dimitriou.**
 - Second Vice-Presidents of the Conference, from the Albanian Red Cross- and the Libyan Red Crescent
 - Secretary of the Conference from the Egyptian Red Crescent.
 - General Rapporteur **Dr. Cheniti** from the Tunisian Red Crescent, assisted by **Mrs. Olga Monachou** from the Hellenic Red Cross.

- For the positions of the rapporteurs for each of the topics:
 - Migration and refugees, **Italian Red Cross**;
 - Partnership among Mediterranean National Societies, **Palestinian Red Crescent**;
 - The role of the Red Cross-Red Crescent in prisons, **Croatian Red Cross**;
 - The role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, **Egyptian Red Crescent**.

- Adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedures for the Xth Mediterranean Conference- Permanent;



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- Report on the follow-up of the 9th Mediterranean Conference, the report of Cairo and follow-up decisions;
- Federation of the Future, presentations by Tunisian Red Crescent representative, Dr. Tahar Cheniti and by IFRC representative Ms. Susan Johnson;
- Discussion-Comments-Interventions

Second Session: Migration and Refugees

- Migration and Refugees – Trafficking: presentations by Norwegian Red Cross and Croatian Red Cross representatives, Mr. Ttygve.G.Nordby and Mr. Nenad Javornic respectively;
- Migration and Refugees-Gender Issues: presentation by Italian Red Cross representative Mrs. Marilena Musmeci;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions

Third Session: Migration & Refugees

- Migration and Refugees-Economic/Humanitarian Support: presentation by Turkish Red Crescent representative Mr. Bayram Selvi;
- DVD screening on immigration issues, by Spanish Red Cross representative Ms. Maruxa de la Rocha;
- Migration and Refugees-Discrimination: presentation by Tunisian Red Crescent representative Dr. Tahar Cheniti;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions-Conclusions.



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Fourth Session: Report on the Activities of the Permanent Office of the Mediterranean Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (2005-2007):

- Presentation - Report on the Activities of the Permanent Office of the Mediterranean Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (2005-2007), by the Spanish Red Cross representative and Director at the Permanent Office of the Mediterranean Office of the Mediterranean RC/RC Mr. Fidel FONT;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Members on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps, presented by Italian Red Cross representative and staff on loan at the Permanent Office of the Mediterranean Office of the Mediterranean RC/RC, Mr. Flavio RONZI;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Member on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps and DVD Screening of Atlantis I & II Youth Camps, by Italian Red Cross Youth representative Ms Marilena MUSMECI;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Member on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps, by Turkish Red Crescent Youth representative Mrs. Meneske ERMIS;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Member on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps, by Spanish Red Cross representative Mr. Carlos MONTES;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Member on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps, by Egyptian Red Crescent Youth representative Dr. Mohammad SASSY;
- Presentation – Report from Youth Member on Atlantis I & II Youth Camps by Italian Red Cross Youth representative Mr. Nicola ANGIULI.;
- Invitation to the Next Mediterranean Youth Camp-Atlantis III in Kafar Sitta, Syria (29/07-5/08 2007), Syrian Red Crescent representative Dr. Malda DAOUDI;
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March, 29, 2007 (19:30)

- Meeting of the Steering Committee-Drafting of Declaration-Final Document



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30, March, 2007

Seventh Session: The Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals

- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals-Health & Fight Against Discrimination by French Red Cross representative Prof. Jean-François MATTEI;
- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals - Health & Fight Against Discrimination by Egyptian Red Crescent representative Mr. Yaya TOMOUM;
- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals - Health & Fight Against Discrimination by Hellenic Red Cross representative Ms Voula FELEKI;
- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals - Health & Fight Against Discrimination by IFRC representative Mr. Bruce ESHAYA CHAUVIN;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions;
- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals-Poverty, by Libyan Red Crescent representative Mr. Solayman ELEGMARY;
- Presentation on the Role of the Mediterranean National Societies in the Achievement of the Millennium Goals-Poverty, by Syrian Red Crescent representative Dr. Malda DAOUDI;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions;
- Address by Mrs. Elli Dimitriou, Secretary General, Hellenic Red Cross



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Fifth Session: Partnerships among/with Mediterranean National Societies

- Presentation on Partnerships among/with Mediterranean National Societies, representative by Turkish Red Crescent Mrs. Banu UCUNCUOGLU;
- Presentation on Partnerships among/with Mediterranean National Societies, representative by Prof. Dionyssidis GANGAS;
- Presentation on Partnerships among/with Mediterranean National Societies-European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENP), 2007-2013, representative of Red Cross E.U Office;
- Presentation on IDRL Program and Principles, by IFRC representative Dr. Katrien BEECKMAN;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions.

Sixth Session: The Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons-Common Law Prisoners

- Presentation on the Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons-Health in Prisons, by IFRC representative Ms. J.Hasselgard ROWE;
- Presentation on the Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons, by Croatian Red Cross representative Mr. Nenad Javornic;
- Presentation on the Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons-Health in Prisons, by Italian Red Cross representative Mr. Federico FATIGA;
- Presentation on the Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons-Youth Italian Red Cross in Prisons, by Italian Red Cross representative Mr. Nicola ANGIULI;
- Presentation on the Role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent in Prisons- Family Links & Immigrants in Detention Places, by ICRC representative Mr. Bruce BIBER;
- Discussions-Comments-Interventions-Conclusions.



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Eighth Session:

- Address by Mrs. Elli DIMITRIOU Secretary General of Hellenic Red Cross
- Adoption of Final Document (Presentation by General Rapporteur Dr. Cheniti);
- Resolutions
- Youth Award Nomination, winner National Society for best photo, Syrian;
- Address by Mr. Adugna SHIMELIS, Vice-President of IFRC;
- A word of thanks, Secretary General of Hellenic Red Cross, Mrs. Elli DIMITRIOU.

Social Activities offered by Hellenic Red Cross:

- 27, March, 2007: Cocktail offered by the Mayor of Athens in “Technopolis” multi-cultural centre;
- Lunches offered 28,29, 30, March 2007;
- Dinner offered on the 28, March 2007;
- Dinner for VIP Participants offered by Hellenic Red Cross President Dr. Andreas Martinis at “18” restaurant, Athens, 28, March, 2007;
- Official Dinner for participants at Royal Olympic Hotel, “Anagennisis” Room with live Greek music, 29, March, 2007;
- Excursion to Delphi, 31, March, 2007.