0. **PREAMBLE**

Unfortunately, the 44th World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM), originally scheduled for September 2021, had to be postponed until 5-9 September 2022 due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

Nevertheless, after consultation within the Bureau, the Secretary-General (SG) deemed it necessary to organise an extraordinary session of the General Assembly (GA) in accordance with Article 27 of the Statutes with the aim of maintaining contact with the National Delegates (NDs) of the member states and addressing the issues on which decisions must be made in order for the ICMM to continue to function. These decisions include necessary changes to the Committee as it embarks on its second century of existence as well as key budgetary and financial decisions.

In this document, you will find a summary of the topics addressed and decisions made by the GA, with reference to the appendices already submitted to the NDs as part of the preparatory documents.

Given that the file sizes are too large to be sent by email, the presentations provided by various speakers will be made available to National Delegates as downloadable files. Any National Delegates interested in these presentations can request them by sending an email to: info@cimm-icmm.org

The topics and discussions presented at this GA are addressed in this document in chronological order.

**JOUR 1: 20 Septembre 2021**

1. **Introduction by the Chairman**

Major General Andreas Stettbacher (CHE) thanks the NDs for attending the session and welcomes the two Vice-Chairmen, Dr David J. Smith (USA) and Surgeon Vice Admiral Rajat Datta (IND).

Major General Stettbacher explains the health-related reasons that have led to this extraordinary session of the GA being organised in the form of a video conference across two sessions of debate, with each morning session being repeated in the afternoon to cover the various time zones of National Delegates.

Despite these unprecedented circumstances and in anticipation of the “normal” session of the GA in Brussels in September 2022 at the 44th World Congress organised by Belgium, there are a number of topics to be addressed at this extraordinary session. Major General Stettbacher reminds the NDs of the rules required for the sessions to run smoothly, as much in terms of courtesy as in terms of respecting the virtual nature of discussions.
2. **Conformity of this extraordinary session**

The Chairman of the Committee passes the floor to the Deputy Secretary-General (DSG), Lieutenant General Pierre Neirinckx, MD, (BEL) for a brief run-down of the statutory rules.

The DSG references Articles 27 and 28 of the Statutes, which concern the organisation of an extraordinary session (Article 27), the voting system, and whether it is necessary to form a quorum of NDs from the member states (Article 28).

The topics addressed and the decisions to be taken do not concern issues that require a “quorum” or a “two-thirds majority of the votes of the represented member states”; consequently, votes will be cast on the basis of a simple majority of NDs present.

3. **The voting system**

Due to the unprecedented format of this GA, the DSG explains that votes will be cast electronically during day two of the session. Voting will take place at the end of each of the day two sessions (morning and afternoon). The votes in the two sessions will be added together and presented in the GA report.

As requested by the International Working Group (IWG) and confirmed by the Bureau of the ICMM, the DSG presents a list of 99 countries whose National Delegates are entitled to speak and vote during this GA in accordance with Article 6 of the Statutes.

**National Delegates entitled to speak and vote**

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Note: The list includes all countries whose National Delegates are entitled to speak and vote during this GA in accordance with Article 6 of the Statutes.
4. **Official opening of the General Assembly**

The Chairman of the ICMM officially opens the GA and confirms that this session will not address any amendments to the Statutes or any decisions on the admission of new members or the exclusion of current members.

He declares the GA open.

5. **Report by the Secretary-General**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Secretary-General (SG), Major General (ret.) Geert Laire.

The SG starts its exposé with general considerations on the need for a healthy international organisation to be able to count on the active participation of its members. He states that, although the healthcare situation and the management of the ongoing crisis have occupied a great deal of military medical services’ time and resources, this pandemic cannot be used as a convenient excuse. In this regard, the SG laments the extremely low rate of response from member states to the questionnaire regarding the future orientation of the ICMM; only 16% of member states bothered to respond to his emails ...

He goes on to explain the methods that he has put in place within the Secretariat General to redefine certain key elements of the organisation such as the Vision, Missions, and Values of the ICMM. Based on these elements, the SG discusses the strategic objectives that have been defined, taking into account the limited input from the NDs, the advice from the IWG, the opinions of the Bureau, and discussions within the Secretariat, namely:

a. The brand strategy and measures to raise the profile of the ICMM (marketing)

b. The communication strategy

c. Revision of operating processes

d. The external relevance and impact of the ICMM
Lastly, the SG expresses his personal opinion marked by a certain disappointment about the extremely poor level of participation among member states that has prevented the ICMM from both developing a strategic vision on the basis of a broad consensus and from creating an action plan to generate new impetus in the ICMM’s deployment.

The SG strongly urges member states to respond more quickly to his propositions ahead of preparations for the next General Assembly in September 2022.
6. **Report by the Deputy Secretary-General on the communication strategy**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Deputy Secretary-General, who provides some further details on the SG’s statements with regard to communication.

Lieutenant General Pierre Neirinckx explains the progress that has been made on the communication strategy over the past few months. The detailed document can be found as part of the preparatory documents that have already been sent to the NDs.

Regarding this new approach to communication, the DSG explains the methodology that aims, on the basis of the Vision, Missions, and Values, to define elements to address the following areas:

a. The target audience of the ICMM, both internally and externally
b. The key messages to be conveyed to various target groups
c. The technologies and means of implementation, in accordance with these target groups,
   (1) of updating the International Review of the Armed Forces Medical Services and a realignment of the editorial policy
   (2) of modernising the ICMM website with the aim of fostering more interaction between various parties at the level of the Technical Commissions
d. A revised communication plan
e. A budgetary roadmap to cover the specific needs

In the development of these new elements, the SG and the DSG presented a new logo and a new slogan that are intended to galvanise this strategy:
7. **The situation regarding arrears on payment at the ICMM**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Director of Finances (DirFin), Colonel MMA (ret.) Chris Deroubaix (BEL), who explains the situation regarding arrears on payment as of September 2021.

The SG then takes the floor again to comment on the graphs that are displayed. He notes that the number of countries in arrears on payment continues to rise, which is hampering the Committee’s ability to deploy financial means to pursue its missions. In 2020, 10% of countries were in arrears on payment for two years or more. In 2021, this percentage has risen to 17% ...

![Graph showing outstanding membership fees (2010-2021)]

Looking into outstanding fees from previous years, the trend is alarming as, if it continues in the same manner, it will gradually lead to the ICMM having a **NEGATIVE financial balance** ...

![Graph showing countries with consecutive years of non-payment (2010-2021)]

The Chairman of the ICMM emphasises that the arrears have been addressed through numerous reminder letters and letters demanding that member states put their affairs in order.
The Secretary-General insists that all means should be utilised to encourage member states to settle their arrears and presents a series of potential measures that were discussed at a meeting of the IWG and the Bureau in preparation for this General Assembly. These include:

1. Following up on the current reminder letters, including through diplomatic and political channels, as it is governments that have become members of the ICMM and committed to respecting the Statutes.
2. The Chairman and the SG contact the NDs in person.
3. Applying in full (exclusion of member state according to paragraph 10) or in part (loss of rights to speak and vote) Article 6 of the Statutes of the ICMM.
4. Other options proposed by the member states.

The Chairman of the ICMM indicates that these measures will be discussed and voted on the second day of the session.
8. The budgetary situation at the ICMM

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Director of Finances (DirFin), Colonel MMA (ret.) Chris Deroubaix (BEL) to explain the budgetary situation.

The DirFin presents the financial balance for the years 2019 and 2020. Mr Deroubaix draws attention to the items on the budget that were not utilised according to the budgetary plans at the previous GA on account of the 2020 healthcare crisis:

1. In 2019, the budget had a positive balance of EUR 30,039.71
2. In 2020, the budget had a positive balance of EUR 57,723.59

The Chairman of the ICMM explains to the NDs that it will be necessary to vote on a budget for the year 2022 to cover operating costs. A budget in its traditional form will be presented for the years 2023 and 2024 to the GA in September 2022.

The DirFin presents the proposed budget for the year 2022:

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The DirFin indicates that amounts may be reallocated to other budgetary items depending on the achievement of the objectives mentioned earlier (Pt 5 and Pt 6), but guarantees that the financial contributions will not be altered and the overall budget will not be exceeded.
9. **Summary of the discussions of the International Working Group (IWG)**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the DSG, who provides a summary of the IWG’s discussions. The DSG touches on the topics of discussion:

- **Vision – Missions – Values – Strategic Objectives**
  - The IWG proposes that the NDs approve the propositions.

- **SG questionnaire regarding the future of the ICMM**
  - The IWG urges NDs to respond to the SG.

- **Financial situation**
  - The IWG recommends taking a clear stance on the arrears on payment and recommends approving the financial balances and the proposed budget for 2022.
  - The IWG proposes the application of Article 6 of the Statutes in full.

- **Revision of the communication strategy**
  - The IWG proposes that the NDs approve the proposition

- **The regulatory framework of the ICMM Centre of Excellence**
  - The IWG proposes that the NDs approve the methodology

- **The development of the Centre of Excellence for Mental Health by the Islamic Republic of Iran**
  - The IWG recommends that the NDs approve the continuation of work by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- **The organisation of General and Regional Assemblies**
  - The IWG seconds the need to encourage interaction during the GAs and RAs and requests that the SG continues to pursue his work in this area.

- **New working procedures within the ICMM**
  - The IWG recommends that the SG present the progress of work in 2022 regarding the use of new technologies.

- **The calendar of activities of the ICMM**
  - The IWG acknowledges the changes

These discussions were detailed in the preparatory documents for the GA.

10. **Report of activities by the Scientific Council**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Chairman of the Scientific Council (CSC), Major General Prof. (ret.) Humbert Boisseaux (FRA).

The CSC reports on the following matters:

1. The activities of the ICMM
2. The Review

The CSC thanks the organising countries who were unable to host regional or global congresses due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 for their efforts. Major General Prof. Boisseaux also commends the countries that have organised courses and workshops remotely, including China, Tunisia, and Switzerland. He draws attention to the resumption of in-person courses and announces the activities planned in the Islamic Republic of Iran (nursing during the pandemic) and the recommencement of courses in Tunisia and Switzerland.
The CSC refers to the efforts of the Secretariat General of the ICMM to provide member states with a space on the ICMM official website to exchange knowledge and experiences regarding the pandemic. However, Major General Prof. Boisseaux expressed his regret at the low take-up on this tool that undoubtedly would have opened the door to more extensive interaction among member states.

He emphasises the future evolution of the editorial line policy of the Review, which remains a vital tool for exchanging knowledge. The CSC expresses his regret that the inability to organise the congress has meant that new articles have not been able to be collected and selected.

He urges the NDs to encourage their staff to contribute to the ICMM objectives by submitting articles, either in the form of thematic articles, reprints or in the form of literature reviews or summaries of key articles appearing in national or international publications.

11. **Reports on the activities of the Chairs of the Technical Commissions.**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to various Chairs of the Technical Commissions (TCs) from the Scientific Council.

1. **On behalf of the TC for Administration and Medico-Military Logistics**
   - Senior Colonel Dr Prof. Min Yu (CHN) provides a summary of the discussions at the 1st Symposium of the ICMM in Beijing regarding military medicine and the response to the pandemic.
   - He refers to the articles published in the Review and announces the 2nd Symposium of the ICMM in Beijing as well as the appearance of articles in the next editions of the Review.

2. **On behalf of the TC for Dentistry**
   - Colonel Amar Kosaraju, DMD, MSed, MS (USA) touches on the articles published in the Review and the opinions of dentistry experts in the management of the healthcare crisis.
   - He explains his desire to improve the participation of dentists from member states by reinforcing their professional links within the ICMM using new tools of communication made available to the TCs, including the ICMM website with its forum, social networks, online Journal Club, etc.
   - Colonel Kosaraju states that he will set up a group of dentistry experts to address specific subjects discussed at the regional and global conferences during dedicated round tables, to submit articles for publication, and to get in touch with professional associations around the world.

3. **On behalf of the TC for Nurses and Paramedics**
   - Gp. Capt. Di Lamb (GBR) wishes to foster more of a community spirit among the nursing profession and nursing sciences, generating more opportunities for collaboration on research and identifying and sharing lessons learned.
   - Gp. Capt. Lamb is keen to implement a network geared towards creating opportunities for meeting new people, exchanging and sharing experiences, as in the special edition of the Review in honour of the bicentenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.
addition, she would also like to develop this network further as a place for training and educational programs developed by the Florence Nightingale Foundation.

- Gp. Capt. Lamb calls on the NDs to contribute to the development of this network by appointing a specific representative. She adds that she will submit the framework/mandate prepared by her Commission to demonstrate the feasibility of the TC’s objectives with the aim of guaranteeing continuity and pushing ahead with the use of new technologies to facilitate dialogue. Over the longer term, Gp. Capt. Lamb intends to set up a “library” of knowledge within the ICMM.

4. On behalf of the TC for Pharmacy
   - Senior Colonel Arne Krappitz (DEU) reports on the contributions from his Commission at the last World Congress as well as the signing of a protocol agreement with the International Pharmaceutical Federation.
   - He underlines the significant contributions made by pharmacists in the management of the pandemic, both by means of articles published in the Review and by interaction and dialogue among pharmacists.
   - Senior Colonel Krappitz speaks about the 1st International Conference on Pharmaceutical Sciences and Military Pharmacy (ICOPMAP), recently organised by the Faculty of Military Pharmacy at the Indonesian Defense University about Military Pharmacy Contribution within Military Medical Service for Achieving Global Health Resilience.

5. On behalf of the TC for Veterinary Science
   - Senior Colonel Leander Büchner (DEU) presents the contributions from his Commission at the 2021 General Assembly of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) via MS Teams, as well as its online participation in the 36th World Veterinary Association Congress in New Zealand in 2020.
   - He underlines the important contributions made by military veterinarians, with numerous articles published in the ICMM Review.
   - Like his fellow Technical Commission Chairs, Senior Colonel Büchner urges the NDs to appoint representatives to help develop the TC for Veterinary Science.

12. The activity report of the Director of the ICMM Centre of Reference

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to Lt. Col. David Winkler, MD, PhD, (CHE), Director of the Centre of Reference for Education on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Ethics.

- Lt. Col. Winkler presents the various courses that are organised by the Centre of Reference online, namely the Law of Armed Conflict course, Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict course and the Military Medical Ethics workshop series.
- In relation to the Military Medical Ethics course, Lt. Col. Winkler highlights the new booklets that have been or are about to be published.
- He also announces the program of future activities organised by the Centre of Reference.
- The publications and list of activities can be found on the Centre’s website at [https://publications.melac.ch](https://publications.melac.ch)
13. **The regulatory framework of an ICMM Centre of Excellence (CoE)**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Deputy Secretary-General, who presents the regulatory framework for the creation of an ICMM Centre of Excellence.

The DSG provides an overview of the written document submitted to National Delegates as part of the preparatory documents. The document contains the following elements:

1. General concept
2. Process of development
3. Necessary organisational and scientific criteria
4. The structure of a CoE and its relationship with the ICMM

14. **A Centre of Excellence for Mental Health from a scientific perspective**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Chairman of the Scientific Council, who presents the scientific aspects of the ramp-up of the Centre of Excellence for Mental Health.

In the same context, Major General Prof. Humbert Boisseaux emphasises that the success of a CoE for Mental Health will depend on international participation and not solely on the involvement and engagement of the member state that sets up the Centre.

Considering the broadness of a topic such as mental health, Major General Prof. Boisseaux has recommended that the National Delegate for the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Scientific Committee for the CoE for Mental Health focus their efforts on the following areas:

1. The necessity of targeting working areas
2. The need to define existing expertise and the expectations of the ICMM member states
3. The necessity of creating a collaborative dynamic among member states

Major General Prof. Boisseaux notes that the scientific approach requires the definition of a situational analysis of the role and scope of interests of military medical services in terms of mental health. He urges the NDs to actively contribute to the project by responding to a questionnaire that will be sent around in the near future. Major General Prof. Boisseaux states that he will help the Scientific Committee analyse the responses and assist in putting together a program of activities to be presented to National Delegates at the next General Assembly in 2022.
15. **Progress by the Islamic Republic of Iran in setting up the CoE for Mental Health**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the National Delegate for the Islamic Republic of Iran, who presents the progress made in developing the Central of Excellence for Mental Health.

Brigadier General Dr Hassan ARAGHIZADEH presents the results of the work to define the Vision, Missions, and Values for the establishment of a CoE for Mental Health.

He then elaborates on the CoE’s goals in the key areas of training and research for nurses and the assessment of skills, treatments, and patient rehabilitation.

He urges the NDs to contribute actively to the development of the Centre.
The calendar of activities of the ICMM.

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Secretary-General, who presents the calendar of activities of the ICMM.

The SG explains the difficulties in organising activities on account of the healthcare crisis. He warmly thanks member states who have played an important part in organising specific activities. He also expresses his gratitude to the member states who have agreed to revise their programs for 2021 and 2022 to avoid overlapping scientific activities, as repeating the same activities would not guarantee a sufficient audience and lead to excessive costs for the same activities in the same year.

Regarding the plan for World Congresses and General Assemblies, the SG makes the following announcements:

1. In 2021: Centennial Talks on 21 September (also available via video link)
2. In 2022: 44th World Congress in Brussels (BEL) from 5 to 9 September 2022
3. In 2024: 45th World Congress organised by Australia

With regard to the Regional Congresses and Regional Assemblies, the SG states that arrangements still need to be coordinated with the Chairs of the Regional Working Groups (RWGs):

1. Pan-African RWG: 13th Pan-African Regional Congress in Egypt
2. Pan-American RWG: arrangements still to be finalised by Mexico regarding the organisation of a symposium on mental health
3. Pan-Asia Pacific RWG: no regional congresses or assemblies planned at the current time
4. Maghrebian and Pan-Arab RWGs: Morocco intends to organise the 6th Pan-Arab and Maghrebian Regional Congress, dates still to be confirmed.
5. Pan-European RWG: Greece has already agreed to postpone the 6th Pan-European Congress to 2023 independently from the Pan-Hellenic Military Medical Congress,

The following dates are announced regarding planned courses and symposiums:

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17. **The extension of certain mandates within the ICMM**

The Chairman of the ICMM presents the situation regarding mandates that should have been extended at the General Assembly of the 44th World Congress.

In an effort to not disrupt the activities of the Committee in this transitional year before the next World Congress, the Chairman has requested that the Bureau of the ICMM take a stance on the extension of the following mandates:

1. **For the Scientific Council**
   - The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman

2. **Chairs of the following Technical Commissions:**
   - Dentistry
   - Pharmacy
   - Administration and Medico-Military Logistics
   - Nurses and Paramedics

The Bureau has approved the proposition and requested that the Chairman inform the National Delegates.

**The Chairman of the CIMM closes the first day of the General Assembly**
18. **Introduction**

**Centennial Talks**
The Chairman of the ICMM thanks the National Delegates for attending this second day of the General Assembly.

He thanks Brigadier General Erwin Dhondt (BEL), Director General of the 44th World Congress, for organising the **ICMM Centennial Talks 2021** and providing such quality activities. The Chairman reminds the National Delegates that the topics and discussions will be available on a special online platform.

**Note from the Deputy Secretary-General:**
The presentations at the 2021 Centennial Talks have been available at the following address since 12 October 2021: [https://icmmworldcongress2021.org/index.php](https://icmmworldcongress2021.org/index.php)

A total of 294 people from 56 countries participated in the Centennial Talks.

**Voting session**
The Chairman of the ICMM reminds the National Delegates entitled to speak and vote of the importance of the votes to be given at the end of this session.

He declares the second session of the General Assembly to be open.
19. **Question and answer session**

The Chairman of the ICMM invites the National Delegates to ask any questions they may have regarding the topics discussed on day one. No National Delegates have any questions or comments. The Chairman continues with the session.

20. **Interventions by the Chairs of the Regional Working Groups**

The Chairman of the ICMM invites the Chairs of the Regional Working Groups to report on their activities.

1. **Pan-American RWG: Chile and Mexico**
   - With regard to Chile, Rear Admiral Boris Sánchez Manríquez, MD, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Medical Services of the Chilean Armed Forces and former Chairman of the Pan-American RWG provides some insight into the specific and challenging domestic political situation. He talks about the medical services’ efforts to combat the pandemic and the remarkable results achieved in the country’s vaccination drive. Rear Admiral Manríquez states that international collaboration on education, training, and deployment of resources have benefited the population. The desired activities were not able to be pursued on account of the global healthcare crisis.
   - With regard to Mexico, Col. (Navy Cpt.) SSN Sanjuan Padrón Lucio announces that an international congress on mental health in the armed forces will be organised as an online event on 18 and 19 November 2021 (to be confirmed). He also states his intention to develop communications with the ICMM through quarterly meetings, by developing IT tools to facilitate communication among members of the RWG, by encouraging participation in educational and training courses, and by fostering aspects such as libraries and research in military medicine.

2. **Pan-Arab and Maghrebian RWG: TUNISIA**
   - The representative of Major General Mustafa Ferjani (TUN) provides some insight into the meeting of the members of the RWG at the 43rd World Congress in Basel (CHE). The Kingdom of Morocco has offered to take over the Chair of the RWG. The topics discussed included providing support in relation to organised courses, including by appointing speakers and participants, as well as activating a regional network dedicated to research-related activities.
   - Tunisia displays the considerable list of courses that have already been organised and courses that are to be organised on a biannual basis, the dates of which will be announced on the ICMM website.

3. **Pan-African RWG: Egypt**
   - Egypt is to organise the RWG Congress in 2022.
   - The SG will contact the ND from Egypt to consider postponing the Congress so as to avoid “overlapping” activities that will necessitate tough budgetary decisions for the member states.

4. **Pan-Asia Pacific RWG: IR Iran**
   - Brigadier General Dr Hassan Araghizadeh presents the work of the RWG that has been organised by his country. Only five of the nine planned activities were able to
be realised on account of the healthcare crisis: workshops on PTSD, psychology, and psychiatry, on CBRN incidents, on the multidisciplinary approach to trauma, and on military medical ethics.

- The following activities are planned: medical defence in CBRN incidents, military medical training, research methodology, and a workshop on neurosurgery. An important international seminar on the experiences of nurses during the pandemic has been announced.
- The Chairman of the RWG highlighted issues of participation among RWG members and the search for a new Chair.


The Chairman of the ICMM invites the SG to introduce the report prepared by Dr Ludy Suryantoro, Head of Unit Multisectoral Engagement for Health Security – World Health Organization Headquarter Geneva.

The Secretary-General informs the National Delegates about the exploratory discussions that have taken place between the ICMM, the WHO and Chatham House (Lt. Gen. ret. Louis Lillywhite).

The project realised by the WHO together with Chatham House and John Hopkins University is geared towards fostering civil-military collaboration with the aim of strengthening health emergency preparedness. Significant progress has been made since the process was initiated a number of years ago by the WHO together with ICMM member states, and further action is required.

The SG intends to continue the collaboration with the WHO and Chatham House on this particular subject as a promoter and facilitator of the WHO’s pilot project on civil-military health collaboration for strengthening health emergency preparedness.
The key messages of the WHO are provided below:

**Key Messages**

- Recognition of role of military to contribution to the implementation of International Health Regulations capacities.
- Joining forces—promote WHO NCF civil and military. Outreach ICMM members

**Next steps:**

- WHO/JH/Chatham House via ICMM will be approaching individual countries where both Health Ministry and Ministry of Health agree.
- Identify and liaise with your National Focal Point at MOH for collaboration.
- Work through the WHO NCF to identify relevance to your circumstances.
- Identify response to recent health emergencies and which should be incorporated into future preparedness planning.
- Develop tools and guide to map civilian and military resources and capacities for future public health emergency preparedness.

22. **2019-2020 accounts situation**

The Chairman of the ICMM passes the floor to the Director of Finances (DirFin), Colonel MMA (ret.) Chris Deroubaix (BEL) for a report on the summary of the ICMM’s accounts in the years 2019 and 2020. After showing a corresponding slide, the Chairman asks the NDs if they have any comments or questions. No National Delegates have any questions.

23. **Report by the Financial Auditing Committee**

The Director of Finances (DirFin), Colonel MMA (ret.) Chris Deroubaix (BEL) presents a summary of the financial audit report prepared by representatives from Switzerland, the United States, and Belgium. No National Delegates have any questions or comments. A vote of approval will be held during the voting session.

24. **Presentation of the budget for the year 2022**

The Director of Finances (DirFin), Colonel MMA (ret.) Chris Deroubaix (BEL) presents the annual budget for the year 2022. No National Delegates have any questions or comments. A vote will be held during the voting session.
25. **Voting session**

The Chairman of the ICMM invites the National Delegates entitled to speak and vote to participate in the voting session.

1. **Q1: Vision, Missions, Values: Do you agree with the V-M-Vs presented by the Secretary-General?**
   - YES  21
   - NO   0
   The V-M-Vs are adopted

2. **Q2: Strategic objectives: Do you agree with the SOs presented by the Secretary-General?**
   - YES  19
   - NO   0
   The strategic objectives are adopted

3. **Q3: Centre of Excellence for Mental Health: Do you support the proposed regulatory framework?**
   - YES  16
   - NO   2
   The regulatory framework is adopted

4. **Q4: Centre of Excellence for Mental Health: Do you support the new working procedures presented by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the implementation of the Centre of Excellence?**
   - YES  19
   - NO   2
   The working procedures are adopted

5. **Q5: Arrears on payment: Do you support the motion to step up diplomatic efforts by the Chairman and the Secretary-General, who will contact the countries concerned individually?**
   - YES  19
   - NO   0
   The motion is carried

6. **Q6: Arrears on payment: Do you support the motion to PARTIALLY apply Paragraph 10, Article 6 of the Statutes?**
   - YES  17
   - NO   3
   The motion to partially apply Article 6 of the Statutes is carried
7. Q7: Arrears on payment: Do you support the motion to apply Paragraph 10, Article 6 of the Statutes IN FULL?
   • YES 15
   • NO  4
   The motion to apply Article 6 of the Statutes in full is carried

8. Q8: Vote of approval: Do you support the motion to approve the actions of the Secretary-General for the budget years 2019 and 2020?
   • YES 17
   • NO  0
   The actions of the Secretary-General with regard to the accounts in financial years 2019 and 2020 are approved.

9. Q9: Budget for the year 2022: Do you agree with the proposed budget for the year 2022?
   • YES 19
   • NO  0
   The budget for the year 2022 is adopted.

26. Closure of the extraordinary session of the General Assembly
The Chairman of the ICMM thanks the Secretary-General and his team for their efforts in preparing for this unprecedented session. He also thanks the National Delegates for their contributions. He believes that the decisions made will allow the Secretary-General to continue the work of revitalising the Committee. He concludes the session by saying that he hopes to see everyone again “in person” at the 44th World Congress in Brussels from 5 to 9 September 2022.

========== END OF THE 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ==========

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