



ICRC

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
(ICRC)**

and

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MILITARY MEDICINE
(ICMM)**



The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to facilitate and stimulate the contacts and co-operation between the International Committee of the Red Cross, hereinafter referred to as „ICRC “and the International Committee of Military Medicine, hereinafter referred to as „ICMM “, on all projects of common concern that could be launched in the future, beyond the HClD initiative.

Considering that the exclusively humanitarian mission of the ICRC, as an impartial, neutral and independent organization is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. Considering that the ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening of international humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

Taking into account that the mission of the ICMM, as an impartial, neutral and independent organization is to facilitate, maintain and strengthen the bonds between all military medical services of its Member States in order to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and practical experiences in the field of military medicine and to encourage, within its means and the operational framework, respect of and application of international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

Recognizing the need for facilitating co-ordination and implementation of common projects about treatment of wounded, protection of lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other emergencies, the respect of International humanitarian law and ethical principles.

Giving due regard to the fact that the operational teams of the ICRC and the military medical services of the Member States of the ICMM, in many instances, are working in the same kind of environment;

The ICRC and the ICMM have agreed to the following:

Article 1. Reciprocal representation.

Each organisation will invite the other party to participate as an observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

The Director General of the ICRC will invite the Secretary General of the ICMM to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the quadrennial International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent as well as at other meetings of common interest.

Likewise, the Secretary-General of the ICMM will especially invite the Director General of the ICRC to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the biennial General Assembly of the ICMM, organized during the World Congress of Military Medicine of the ICMM, as at other meetings of common interest.

Article 2. Exchange of information and documents.

Subject to any arrangements which may be necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of certain documents, the ICRC and the ICMM will exchange technical documents.

On the condition that the competent authority of the military health service of each member state gives its agreement, the ICMM can provide the useful and non-confidential information requested by the ICRC.

Ownership of such information shall remain with the party that provides it.

Article 3. Co-operation.

The ICRC and the ICMM agree to co-operate and consult each other on questions of mutual interest, in particular those concerning treatment of the wounded and sick during armed conflicts, international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

The ICRC and the ICMM may agree on joint projects, notably in order to develop international cooperation in the field of treatment of the wounded and sick during armed conflicts, international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

Article 4. Validity and duration.


The present memorandum of understanding will enter into force once signed by both parties and shall be of indefinite duration.

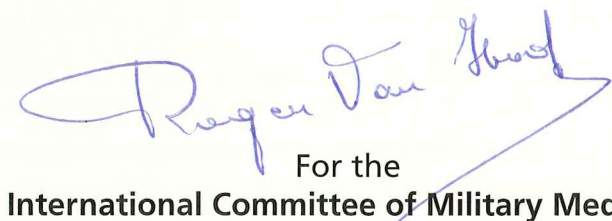
Either party may propose written amendments to this MOU which, upon written agreement of the other party, shall be considered part of this MOU.

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by an official notification giving to the other not less than three months notice and stating the reasons for termination.

Signed in two original copies in English and French.

Geneva, 18 May, 2016.


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