

# Disaster Law: Guidance for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross Red Crescent

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Significant progress has been made for disaster law since the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross Red Crescent in 2011. National Societies in Southeast Asia have been actively working together with their national authorities to implement the [disaster law resolution](#) and their [joint regional pledge](#), in order to strengthen national legal frameworks for disaster management, risk reduction and response. In addition to the resolution and regional pledge made in 2011, some countries in the region have made their own specific disaster law pledges, including Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference, held in Geneva in 2015, will address three themes related to disaster law:

1. Accelerating progress in the facilitation and regulation of international disaster response
2. Strengthening laws for disaster risk reduction
3. Providing supportive legal frameworks for saving lives through first aid.

This conference presents an opportunity for National Societies and governments to renew their commitment to strengthening disaster laws, and continue their excellent work in this area. There are several ways they can do this:

## Three key actions:

1. Adoption of the new joint **resolution** on '[strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid](#)'.
2. **Pledge** your commitment to strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid by:
  - a. Submitting a **National Society or joint National Society/Government pledge**. A [model national pledge](#) has been shared with your NS disaster law focal points and also [available online](#).
  - b. Re-affirming your National Society's commitment from the 2011 conference ([pledge P4399](#)) by submitting a new **joint regional pledge for Southeast Asia National Societies**. A [model regional pledge](#) has been shared with your NS disaster law focal points.  
*\*For copies of the model pledges please contact [luca.cipullo@ifrc.org](mailto:luca.cipullo@ifrc.org)*
3. Attend **Commission E, Session 2 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** and contribute to discussions about scaling up local action and strengthening legal frameworks for disasters and emergencies (details below).

## How to make a pledge

A pledge stand will be open at the conference venue from 5-10<sup>th</sup> December (throughout the Conference, the Council of Delegates and the General Assembly). You can also submit your pledge online via the pledge database, but you must submit before the end of March 2016. You can view the [model disaster law](#)

[pledge](#) online, in advance of the Conference. Information regarding pledges and the pledge process, including the pledge guidelines, is available on the conference website at <http://rcrcconference.org/international-conference/pledges/>

### **Commission E: 'Building resilience by scaling local action and strengthening legal frameworks'.**

To ensure that the contributions, views and commitments of your National Society and government are heard and captured throughout the conference, and reflected in the outcomes, it is important that you attend and actively participate through the various sessions.

**Commission E** will be held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** and will consist of two sessions. The session for disaster law will be **Session 2 on strengthening legal frameworks or disasters and emergencies.**

### **Progress to date and further information**

- For details of the progress to date in Southeast Asia, see the [Southeast Asia Disaster Law snapshots](#) on the IFRC website, and the Disaster Law in Southeast Asia Summary Progress Report 2012-2015, available on your USB or contact [lucia.cipullo@ifrc.org](mailto:lucia.cipullo@ifrc.org)
- [The draft resolution on 'strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid'](#) also contains a progress report regarding the three disaster law themes.
- Further information about [Disaster Law at the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference](#) is available on the IFRC [Disaster Law website](#).
- Disaster law tools and materials are also available on the [Southeast Asia online library](#)

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