

## Annex 5: Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance

Session, Part, Article, Point	Feedback
<p><b>1 (A) 1.5.</b>  <i>National Societies shall support and encourage the relevant public authorities to develop effective legislation, policies and plans for disaster management.</i></p>	<p>In place of the word ‘encourage’, it is recommended to use ‘assist or support’. Need to tone down. National Societies might not be in a position to encourage public authorities.</p>
<p><b>1 (A) 1.6.</b>  <i>National Societies shall encourage and assist the relevant public authorities to use the Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance (IDRL Guidelines) to strengthen their overall legal, policy and/or institutional frameworks to both regulate and facilitate disaster assistance.</i></p>	<p>In place of the word ‘encourage’, it is recommended to use ‘assist or support’. Need to tone down. National Societies might not be in a position to encourage public authorities.</p>
<p><b>2 (A) 2.1.b</b>  <i>In order to ensure efficient and coordinated Red Cross Red Crescent international assistance, National Societies shall work together and with the International Federation to:</i></p>	<p>Needs more clarification, how NSs providing international assistance with engagement of public authorities and what this could mean in practice.</p>
<p><b>2 (A) 2.5.</b>  <i>National Societies shall prioritize Federation channels when providing international humanitarian assistance. Non-Movement channels of assistance (including any type of donations or operational partnerships) shall only be used when agreed with the National Society in the affected country and when the International Federation is informed for coordination purposes</i></p>	<p>Needs more clarification.</p>
<p><b>2 (A) 2.6.</b>  <i>When global disaster response mechanisms and surge capacity tools are deployed, relief assistance must be channelled through them to ensure operational efficiency and effective coordination.</i></p>	<p>Needs more clarification (in the case of bilateral cooperation). What does this include? If it refers to IFRC (presumably), it should say so. Since it’s a must, there needs to be better definition of when it applies, i.e. exactly what mechanisms and tools we are talking about. NSs need to consult with their leadership.</p>

<p><b>3 (A) 3.5.</b>  <i>The International Federation shall ensure that globally consistent policies, rules, standards, tools and procedures relevant to disaster response are developed, disseminated and if necessary adapted to local contexts.</i></p>	<p>Needs stronger language, i.e. not IF necessary, but more along the lines of that it is always necessary to adapt to the local context.</p>
<p><b>3 (B) 3.6.c.</b>  <i>The International Federation, on receipt of a request for international assistance may:</i></p>	<p>Needs to add 'upon the request of the National Society', i.e. indicating that the decision to use global tools lies not only on the IFRC based on a general request for international assistance.</p>
<p><b>3 (B) 3.6.</b>  <i>Where a National Society fails to request a level of assistance adequate to the scale of the disaster, the International Federation shall make these concerns known to the National Society and propose appropriate Red Cross Red Crescent action to be taken in order to save lives and respond to the humanitarian needs of the affected people.</i></p>	<p>The statement is ok, but needs to include a time frame for the application of this rule. This paragraph should also refer to the DREF</p>
<p><b>3 (C) 3.18.</b>  <i>The International Federation shall work with the National Society in the disaster-affected country and the relevant public authorities to ensure compliance with national law, a facilitated legal environment, and common services for the International Federation and responding National Societies.</i></p>	<p>IFRC should only do this at the request of the NS.</p>
<p><b>3 (C) 3.19.</b>  <i>The International Federation shall advocate for the allocation of adequate resources to disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction when responding to disasters to improve preparedness for future disaster response, support vulnerability reduction, and to alleviate risks of secondary and recurrent disasters.</i></p>	<p>IFRC should not only advocate but also provide support to this matter.</p>
<p><b>6.2.</b>  <i>When working with their public authorities or civil protection mechanisms in providing international humanitarian assistance, National Societies shall apply the following rules:</i></p>	<p>Red cross and red crescent emblems or logs are needed</p>
<p><b>6.5. b.</b>  <i>National Societies and the International Federation may not use armed protection except as set forth by the Council of Delegates.</i></p>	<p>These clauses should not apply universally as the contexts and situations differ from one country to another. In some</p>

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<b>6.5.c.</b> <i>Armed military transport and the assets of a party to a conflict should never be used.</i>	These clauses should not apply universally as the contexts and situations differ from one country to another. In some situations, NSs have to use armed protection or military transport.