The Governing Board,

5. The National Society Statutory and Legal Base Guidance Review

18/02/04 recalls General Assembly Decision No. GA/17/23 relating to the National Society Statutory and Legal Base Guidance Review, which reads as follows:

“The General Assembly,

appreciates the work carried out by the Core Group on the “National Society Legal and Statutory Base Guidance and Process Review” (Core Group),

welcomes the new approach for National Society Statutes, as outlined in the “Guidance for National Society Statutes: Outline of standards and structure” (Guidance for National Society Statutes), formulated as part of revised Guidance for National Society Statutes, which will be further developed within the Process Review,

requests the Core Group to integrate the key comments and views received during the interactive workshop when finalizing the document,

requests the Secretary General to present to the Governing Board in 2018 the final version of the above-mentioned revised Guidance for National Society Statutes,

takes note that National Societies are recommended to review their Statutes in accordance with the new Guidance for National Society Statutes within the next five years, once the document is approved, and further continue with regular reviews of their Statutes (at least every ten years), and in this respect strongly encourages all National Societies to adopt anti-fraud and corruption policies within the next year,

requests the Secretary General to report regularly to the Governing Board on the progress made by National Societies in relation to reviewing and updating their statutory base,

from the time of its adoption by the Governing Board,

*recommends* that the final version of the revised Guidance Document be presented to the 2019 Council of Delegates for approval by the Movement.”

*adopts* the Guidance for National Society Statutes 2018, as presented in Annex I of this report (GB/5/1),

*strongly encourages* the Joint ICRC/IFRC Commission for National Society Statutes to make use of the new Guidance Document and submit it to the Council of Delegates in 2019 for adoption at the level of the Movement,

*strongly encourages* all National Societies to review their Statutes in accordance with the new Guidance within the next five years and further continue with regular reviews of their Statutes in line with GA/17/23,

*requests* the Compliance and Mediation Committee to revise the current criteria of the Dashboard “Statutes reviewed in the last 10 years” to read that Statutes comply with the Standards of the Guidance for National Society Statutes 2018, and

*thanks* the Chair and members of the Core Group for their valuable work;