**[Memorandum of Understanding/Collaboration Framework Agreement]**

between

**[The Government of/Ministry of Health /Other Entity of [country]**

and

**the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]**

and

**the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**

on

**[Health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities]**

**Preamble**

*Recognizing* the intention of the **[Government /Ministry of Health /Other Entity of [country]** (henceforth, the **[MoH/Government]**), the [**Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society**] and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (henceforth, the **IFRC**) together ‘the Parties’, to cooperate in [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities] with the aim to prevent and alleviate human suffering and thereby contribute to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in [Country].

*Considering* the [Government/MoH]’s vision on Health as ascribed in the National Health Policy.

*Acknowledging* the [Government/MoH]’s primary responsibility to lead in the provision of health and care services, including for the preparedness and response to public health emergencies on its territory, as formulated in corresponding National Laws and Policies.

*Acknowledging* the commitments towards Universal Health Coverage, the International Health Regulations and other global, regional and national commitments in health as well as core declarations, charters and other instruments on health, primary health care, community health and emergency health.

*Recognizing* the contribution of community health, as an integral component of the overall primary health care, in addressing health and care needs.

*Recognizing* the unique role played by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] as auxiliary to the public authorities of [Country] in the humanitarian field, as established by the *Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,* in resolutions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the [Red Cross or Red Crescent] [Act or Law or Decree] [year], as set out in Annex I to this [Memorandum of Understanding/Collaborative Framework Agreement].

*Recalling* the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent’s resolution Time to Act: Tackling Epidemics and Pandemics Together (2019), inviting states to enable and facilitate Movement components, in accordance with their mandates and capacities and with international law, to contribute to a predictable and coordinated approach to epidemics and pandemics; and further emphasizing the need for promotion of active community engagement in outbreak prevention, preparedness and response.

*Also recalling* the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent’s resolution Addressing mental health and psychosocial needs of people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies (2019), calling upon States to increase efforts to ensure early and sustained access to mental health and psychosocial support, ensuring that mental health and psychosocial support is an integral component in domestic and international emergency response systems, and encouraging States and National Societies to enhance their cooperation to address these needs, as appropriate, building on the National Societies’ often unique humanitarian access to affected people and auxiliary role to the public authorities in the humanitarian field.

*Recognizing* the established role of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] in engaging and coordinating with the [Government/MoH] and other relevant Ministries, departments, and agencies on national and subnational level in [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities].

*Recalling* the Legal Status Agreement entered into by the IFRC and the Government of [Country] on [date], as set out in Annex II to this [Memorandum of Understanding / Collaborative Framework Agreement].

*Respecting* the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (henceforth, the **Fundamental Principles**), namely Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

*Considering* the will to further reinforce the harmonious collaboration and the legal frameworks between parties towards achieving the set health goals, including prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities,

**The Parties hereby agree to enter into a [Memorandum of Understanding/Collaboration Framework Agreement]**

1. **Purpose and Scope of the** **[Memorandum of Understanding/Collaboration Framework Agreement]**
2. The [Memorandum of Understanding (henceforth, the MoU)/Collaboration Framework Agreement (henceforth, the Agreement)]establishes the framework for cooperation in [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities], between the [Government/MoH], the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and the IFRC in [Country].
3. The [MoU/Agreement] establishes modalities and areas for cooperation among the Parties, including roles and responsibilities of all Parties in [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities], as well as general provisions concerning governance and oversight of this [MoU/Agreement].
4. The [MoU/Agreement] further reaffirms the will and commitment of the Parties to strong and sustainable community health services and systems.
5. The Parties may enter into separate project agreements for the implementation of specific projects to be identified.
6. This [MoU/Agreement] is without prejudice to, and does not alter, the Legal Status Agreement entered into by the IFRC and the Government of [Country] on [date].

**II. Definitions**

‘Applicable international minimum standards’ means minimum quality levels to be obtained in humanitarian assistance for preparedness and response as set out in the *Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance*, in particular those in *The Sphere Handbook: Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response*.

‘Community health’ is a branch of public health which focuses on people and their role as determinants of their own and other people’s health. It refers to an array of community-based organized efforts to maintain, protect, and improve community health outcomes, encompassing curative, preventative services including health promotion.

‘[Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]’ means the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] established by the [Red Cross or Red Crescent] [Act or Law or Decree] [year].

‘Disaster’ means a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society at any scale due to hazardous events interacting with conditions of exposure, vulnerability and capacity, leading to one or more of the following: human, material, economic and environmental losses and impacts.

‘Emergency’ means a situation impacting the lives and well-being of many people or a significant percentage of a population and requiring substantial multisectoral assistance.

‘Emergency preparedness and response activities’ is an umbrella term for any facilities, services, processes, distributions, resources, training, education or information that are conducted or provided for the purpose of anticipating, preparing for, and/or responding to public health emergencies and health in emergencies.

‘Government’ means the Government of [insert Country].

‘IFRC Network’ means the IFRC and its network of 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Members of the IFRC Network act at all times in accordance with the Fundamental Principles and cooperate with one another in carrying out their respective tasks in pursuit of their shared mission.

‘IFRC personnel’ means national and international staff supporting IFRC’s disaster preparedness and response activities.

‘Initial/Emergency relief’ means the goods (including medication), equipment, services and internationally donated funds provided to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of disaster-affected communities.

‘Mental health and psychosocial support’ means any type of local or outside support that aims to protect or promote psychosocial wellbeing and/or treat mental health conditions.

‘Movement’ means the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

‘Public health emergency’ is the occurrence or imminent threat of an infectious disease outbreak or other health threat—such as chemical or physical agents, or environmental hazards—whose scale, timing, or unpredictability threatens to overwhelm routine capacities to respond, and poses a substantial risk to the public’s health, including excess deaths and/or disabilities. A public health emergency is an adverse event that compromises the health of the population and has the potential to cause widespread illness. This includes epidemics caused by infectious agents, as well as chemical, radiological, or physical agents, and environmental hazards with the potential to cause significant deaths or disabilities.

‘Universal health coverage’ refers to all people having access to high quality health services, when and where they need them, at an affordable cost. It includes a full range of essential health services, from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

**III. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties**

1. The Parties commit to the successful execution of this [MoU/Agreement].

**The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]**

1. The present [MoU/Agreement] reaffirms the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]’s auxiliary role, as well as its engagement and coordination with the [Government/MoH] and relevant government ministries, departments and agencies in relation to [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities] being carried out within the territory of [Country].
2. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] shall fulfil its roles and responsibilities recognized under the [Red Cross or Red Crescent][Act or Law or Decree] [year], [as well as sectoral laws, regulations, policies or standards including those relating to [health and care service provision and the management of emergency preparedness and response activities], which attribute roles and responsibilities to the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] at [national, regional and/or local level].
3. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society’s] role in essential health and care services including activities to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from emergencies which may comprise of [insert activities as relevant here, such as: first aid; pre-hospital care; clinical care services; community health and care across the life-course; immunization, migrants and refugees health, mental health and psychosocial support, non-communicable diseases; epidemic preparedness and response in the context of the One Health approach, blood services, dead body management in emergencies; management of nursing, schools and other relevant professional bodies; water, hygiene and sanitation; environmental health activities, etc.]
4. All activities undertaken by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] pursuant this [MoU/Agreement] as auxiliary to the Government, shall be consistent with national legislation, the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the *Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement*, and applicable Red Cross Red Crecent resolutions, policies, procedures, commitments and applicable international minimum standards.
5. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] shall provide regular updates to the [Government/MoH] on the prevailing context, standard operating procedures and/or IFRC Network public health emergency contingency/response plans in [Country]. Additionally, the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] will also provide information on actions taken, including needs and capacity assessments to the [Government/MoH] and IFRC.
6. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]will assess regularly its capacity to prepare and respond to emergencies as well as its capacity to fulfil specific agreed-upon health and care interventions under its mandate, and will keep the [Government/MoH] and the IFRC informed of the results of such assessments.
7. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]will contribute to health and care policy, strategy, and programs development, within its expertise, including but not limited to health and care needs analysis and actively participate in coordination mechanisms and platforms.
8. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] will take into account national health and care guidelines and strategies in the planning and implementation of health and care related activities.
9. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] will make its best efforts to take into account the [Government/MoH]’s comprehensive annual workplan to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to health and care.
10. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] may request the IFRC to provide and/or coordinate international assistance from the IFRC Network prior to an imminent public health emergency on the basis of reliable available assessment and expert judgement in accordance with the Movement framework and International Humanitarian Law.
11. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society],through the IFRC, shall request or accept offers of assistance from the IFRC Network where the humanitarian consequences of a public health emergency cannot be met by its resources or those of domestic partners in a timely manner, appropriate scale or in accordance with applicable international minimum standards.
12. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]will take all necessary measures to ensure that its staff and volunteers comply with the provisions of this [MoU/Agreement], and of all laws and relevant regulations of [Country].
13. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] will recruit, mobilize, train and manage volunteers as well as identified technical expertise (short/long term) necessary for the implementation of this [MoU / Agreement] at national, regional and local levels. The [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]will liaise with the [Government/MoH] to ensure that the mobilized staff and volunteers have access to medical services, other security provisions and technical assistance in line with national practice.

**The IFRC**

1. The IFRC may provide support to the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] upon request or acceptance of an offer by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society].
2. According to the needs and context of [Country], the IFRC may support the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] in its emergency preparedness and response activities. This support may include, but is not limited to, the following:
	1. facilitating capacity enhancement and training opportunities for the [Government/MoH] and the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]on emergency preparedness and response. This may include simulation exercises as appropriate;
	2. providing expert advice and assistance to the [Government/MoH] and the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]in the area of emergency preparedness and response. This includes the preparation of contingency plans and advice on cross-cutting topics such as protection, climate change, the strengthening of legal frameworks for public health emergencies, and other relevant areas;
	3. supporting the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] throughprepositioning and distribution of emergency relief items, and strategic warehousing;
	4. initiating regional and/or global response mechanisms such as deployment of specialized and technical human resources surge support, equipment and assistance and mobilization of financial resources;
	5. coordinating international support from the IFRC Network;
	6. providing monetary support through existing financial mechanisms available to the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society];
	7. providing or facilitating the provision of other services requested by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society], provided the IFRC has resources available;[[1]](#footnote-2) and
	8. performing its role as set out in its Constitution.
3. The IFRC shall coordinate fully with the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]. The IFRC will share with the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]the results of relevant evaluations or assessments of the public health emergency.
4. The IFRC may carry out such activities as may be necessary for the exercise of its humanitarian mission, in conformity with its own *Constitution*, with the Fundamental Principles, the *Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance,* the *Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief*, as well as other applicable international minimum standards.
5. The IFRC and IFRC personnel shall act in conformity with the laws of [Country], to the extent compatible with the Legal Status Agreement between [Country] and the IFRC [dated], as set out in Annex II to this [MoU/Agreement].

**The [Government/MoH]**

1. The [Government/MoH] bears the primary responsibility to lead [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities] on its territory.
2. Consistent with the [Red Cross or Red Crescent] [Act or Law or Decree] [year], the [Government/MoH] will make its best efforts to facilitate and support the work of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] in [Country]’s [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities].
3. Consistent with the Legal Status Agreement between the IFRC and the Government, the [Government/MoH] will likewise facilitate the work of the IFRC in support of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society].
4. The [Government/MoH] will make its best efforts to take into account the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society’s Strategic Plan on Health and Annual Health Workplan] in the development of the [Government/MoH] comprehensive annual workplan to ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to the country’s Health Plan.
5. The [Government/MoH] will include the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] in all relevant coordination and communication mechanisms established at national, regional and local level to coordinate [health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities].
6. The [Government/MoH] will engage the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] in relevant technical forums and policy platforms in accordance with the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] areas of expertise.
7. As necessary, the [Government/MoH] will share with the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]relevant health and care related information, including but not limited to anticipated health threats or emergencies which have the potential to require the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]’s involvement or assistance. Where necessary, the [Government/MoH] will support the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] to initiate community-level and facility-level activities based on those warnings.
8. The [Government/MoH] shall facilitate to the maximum extent possible the humanitarian activities of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society], and of the IFRC in support of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]. In particular, [Government/MoH] will provide or facilitate the following facilities:

1. **Freedom of movement and access**:

Facilitate freedom of movement to the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and IFRC personnel and vehicles within [Country] at all times, and specifically during a state of emergency or disaster relating to a public health emergency and in circumstances where restrictions on freedom of movement are in force, in order to permit them to carry out their mandate and access communities and areas at risk or affected by the emergency, to conduct prevention and life-saving activities, or any activity critical to the safety, protection and well-being of communities;

1. **Personnel and volunteers**:
	* 1. To facilitate the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] to carry out their mandate during an emergency, and the IFRC in support of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society], to classify personnel and volunteers of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and personnel of IFRC as [*‘emergency workers’ or ‘essential services’ or ‘first responders’*] in law, regulation, executive order or policing practice, allowing them to remain exempt from curfews, limitations on business opening hours and other general population control strategies in order to assist the most vulnerable communities needing its assistance.
		2. Provide health care services free of charge, and life and medical insurance coverage, to the staff and volunteers of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] for injuries incurred in the exercise of their function commensurate with existing provisions for national health workforce.
		3. Ensure the IFRC’s ability to both scale up and scale down its operations in country by deploying international staff and hiring national staff according to the needs and for the time necessary. This includes facilitating the issuance of any exemption necessary to allow the IFRC to renew or extend fixed-term employment contracts multiple times without them becoming open-ended contracts;
		4. Issue expedited [*humanitarian or equivalent visas*] for international IFRC personnel without a fee and renewable from within [Country] as often as necessary to support disaster preparedness and response activities;
		5. Recognize the foreign professional qualifications of international IFRC personnel who may be required to perform specialized tasks within the territory of [Country].
		6. Provide IFRC international personnel with a waiver on the application of any income taxes, duties, levies and social security contributions for their activities undertaken in the [Country].
2. **Tax exemption and entry of funds in country**:

Where possible, facilitate in liaison with applicable government ministries, tax exemptions for any applicable taxes and duties for the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and IFRC where the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] supports[health and care services and emergency preparedness and response activities] pursuant to this [MoU/Agreement] in accordance with its mandate*.*

1. **Customs facilitation**:

Facilitate customs clearance procedures and priority landing rights for initial relief and recovery consignments imported by or on behalf of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] or the IFRC for any activities undertaken by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] pursuant to this [MoU/Agreement].

1. Where necessary, the [Government/MoH] shall use its best efforts to liaise with and issue appropriate instructions to relevant Ministries and Departments as well as to regional and local authorities, to adopt and enforce timely and adequate measures [such as laws, regulations, protocols and/or procedures] to facilitate the implementation of this [MoU/Agreement].

**IV. Final provisions**

**Information sharing & Communication**

1. The Parties recognize the importance of optimal communication for the fulfilment of this [MoU/Agreement] and therefore commit to timely and sustained exchange of information and fostering dedicated communication lines.

**Evidence-base and knowledge**

1. The Parties will promote, coordinate and contribute to [health and care and emergency preparedness and response activities] related research towards building evidence-based decision making in policy and programming, in cooperation with other relevant partners.

**Community Empowerment**

1. The Parties will systematically work to improve community leadership, community-led action and support building community capacities to that effect and adopt a risk management approach in these endeavors.

**Accountability**

1. When necessary, the Parties shall agree on appropriate planning, monitoring and reporting modalities of activities conducted under this [MoU/Agreement].

**Applicability**

1. This [MoU/Agreement] is valid from the date of signature by the [Government/MoH], the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and the IFRC.

**Interpretation**

1. This [MoU/Agreement] shall be interpreted in light of the Movement’s humanitarian principles and its primary objectives, which are to ensure timely, effective humanitarian assistance and programming to meet identified humanitarian needs in [Country] and protect the most vulnerable when faced with crisis.
2. Nothing in this [MoU/Agreement] shall be interpreted to contravene or waive the privileges enjoyed by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] pursuant to the [Red Cross or Red Crescent] [Act or Law or Decree] [year], or any other domestic or international instruments.
3. Nothing contained in this [MoU/Agreement] shall constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the IFRC.

**Confidentiality**

1. Any information exchanged between the Parties as a result of the cooperation contemplated by this [MoU/Agreement] and that may reasonably be considered to be confidential information, or explicitly classified by a Party as such, shall be kept confidential unless explicitly agreed by the Parties.
2. The obligation of confidentiality set out in this Article shall survive the termination of this [MoU/Agreement] for a period of [5 years].

**Intellectual Property**

1. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each Party shall maintain its intellectual property rights including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to any product or material which bears a direct relation to, or is made in consequence of, activities under this [MoU/Agreement]

**Governing Law**

1. This [MoU / Agreement] shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of [insert Country] without regard to its conflict of laws rules and principles.

Dispute Settlement

1. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this [MoU/Agreement], or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be amicably settled within [90 days] by the Parties, otherwise the following rules will apply.
2. Any dispute between the [Government/MoH] and the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] arising out of the interpretation or application of this [MoU/Agreement] [shall be submitted to arbitration/shall be submitted to negotiation between the Parties/as otherwise agreed].
3. Any dispute between the [Government/MoH] and the IFRC arising out of the interpretation or application of this [MoU/Agreement] shall be resolved in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) arbitration rules, as in force at the time of the dispute, and of which the Parties have taken due notice. The language of arbitration shall be English and the place of arbitration shall be Geneva, Switzerland. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The arbitral award shall be binding and final.
4. Disputes between the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and the IFRC arising out of the interpretation or application of this [MoU/Agreement] shall be brought to the attention of the Chair of the Compliance and Mediation Committee of the IFRC as per the IFRC Constitution,[[2]](#footnote-3) unless agreement is reached otherwise.

**Amendments**

1. Changes and amendments to this [MoU/Agreement] may be achieved through an exchange of letters between the Parties.

**Termination**

1. This [MoU / Agreement] may be terminated by any Party by giving three (3) months’ written notice to the other Parties.
2. In the event that: (i) a Party commits a material breach of this [MoU/Agreement] which has not been remedied within 30 days after written notice has been given by the aggrieved Party; or (ii) a Party becomes or can reasonably be expected to become insolvent, the aggrieved Party shall be entitled to terminate this [MoU/Agreement] immediately.
3. The IFRC may immediately terminate this [MoU/Agreement] if any Party does anything which in the reasonable opinion of the IFRC brings, or is reasonably likely to bring the IFRC, its name or logo, or any component of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement into dispute or disrepute in any way whatsoever.

**Liability**

1. Each Party shall retain liability for the acts and omissions of their own personnel and agents in the performance of this [MoU/Agreement].

Signed:

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Name

[Government/MoH] of [Country]

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Name

[Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Place and Date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

**ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND LEGAL FACILITIES CLAUSES FOR CONSIDERATION**

***[Note: These should be reviewed by the drafters. Relevant provisions should be selected and integrated into section 23 as appropriate, after which this page should be deleted.]***

 MoH shall facilitate to the maximum extent possible the humanitarian activities of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]. In particular, MoH will provide or facilitate the following facilities:

a. Freedom of movement and access:

* access its premises such as offices and logistics warehouses, as well as ports, airports, government offices, hospitals, testing sites, field clinics and other key services or infrastructure.

b. Personnel and volunteers:

* Provide tax exemption for any cash compensation received by [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] volunteers for the exercise of their function.
* Fast-track procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications of RCRC staff and volunteers across national and sub-national boundaries.

c. Tax exemption and entry of funds in country:

* Facilitate and waive limits for the entry of funds and currencies required for the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society]’s preparedness and response activities including any limits and restrictions on humanitarian cash transfers and voucher programs.

d. Customs facilitation:

* Waive restrictions and limitations on consignments of initial relief and recovery assistance imported by or on behalf of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society].
* Facilitate the import, export and transshipment of initial relief and recovery consignments as long as they comply with relevant laws of [Country] and applicable international minimum standards or national norms.
1. Registration and licensing:
* Waive any licensing requirements or fees for the use of any imported telecommunications equipment, vehicles and other specialized goods imported by or on behalf of the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society].
* Grant temporary recognition to foreign registration plates on vehicles imported by the [Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] pending the provision of local registration and plates.

f. Where necessary to implement any of the above listed facilities, the Government shall use its best efforts to adopt or modify the necessary regulatory instruments.

***ANNEX I***

***[Red Cross or Red Crescent] [Act, Law or Decree] [year]***

***(…)***

***ANNEX II***

***Legal Status Agreement between [Country] and the IFRC [dated]***

***(…)***

***ANNEX III***

***[Country Red Cross or Red Crescent Society] and IFRC General Emergency Response Capacities***

***(…)***

1. *See ANNEX III: IFRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies General Emergency Response Capacities*. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Article 31.3 of IFRC’s Constitution [↑](#footnote-ref-3)