



## T10 Summit Affirmation

We, American RC, Austrian RC, Canadian RC, Finnish RC, German RC, Red Cross Society of China, Hong Kong Red Cross, Branch of the Red Cross Society of China, Taiwan Red Cross Organization, Irish Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Qatar Red Crescent, Maldives Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, Kuwaiti Red Crescent, Swedish Red Cross, IFRC, ICRC gathered here in Sri Lanka from 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the “Red Cross T10 Summit”, organised by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) supported by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the German Red Cross,

to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami Tragedy.

*recognising*, that a decade has passed since the Tsunami and our purpose is to commemorate the precious lives lost due to Tsunami; to acknowledge the resilience of the affected communities who recovered from the devastation; to pay tribute to all the donors & partners who especially contributed through the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, IFRC, and ICRC; and to review fresh strategies taken in Sri Lanka for community resilience building;

*acknowledging* that, following the tsunami of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Sri Lanka Red Cross, being auxiliary to its government in the humanitarian field, played a lead role in the “Red Cross Red Crescent Post Tsunami Recovery Operation”, extending assistance and protection to tsunami affected communities throughout Sri Lanka, with the generous funding and technical support of the Partner National Societies, IFRC and the ICRC, in close collaboration and concurrence with its government authorities,

*recalling* that Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC together constitute the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, whose mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found, to protect life and health and ensure respect for the human being, in particular in times of armed conflict and other emergencies, to work for the prevention of diseases and for the promotion of health and social welfare, to encourage voluntary service and a universal sense of solidarity towards all those in need of its protection and assistance,

*recognising*, that the “Red Cross T10 summit” provided an opportunity for Movement partners to engage with Red Cross beneficiaries and visit past and present field projects undertaken by SLRCS; reflect on the impacts of the collective Red Cross Red Crescent tsunami recovery operation; share experiences, lessons learned and best practice; review the SLRCS Three Year Strategic Plan and discuss opportunities to maximise the impact of Movement partners towards building community resilience and delivering humanitarian services.

*assuring*, the commitment by Movement partners to collaborate and work together in partnership in order to extend humanitarian protection and assistance to vulnerable populations in full compliance with the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

*Affirm* our partnerships with Sri Lanka Red Cross Society and to continue our support in serving the most vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka

17<sup>th</sup> November 2014,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka

