



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
(WMA)**

and

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MILITARY MEDICINE
(ICMM)**



The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to facilitate and stimulate contact and co-operation between the World Medical Association, hereinafter referred to as „WMA“ and the International Committee of Military Medicine, hereinafter referred to as „ICMM“, on all projects of common concern that could be launched in the future.

Considering that the mission of the WMA, as a neutral and independent global federation of National Medical Associations representing physicians worldwide, is to act on behalf of patients and physicians. Considering that the WMA endeavours to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people.

Taking into account that the mission of the ICMM, as an impartial, neutral and independent organization is to facilitate, maintain and strengthen the bonds between all military medical services of its Member States in order to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and practical experiences in the field of military medicine and to encourage, within its means and the operational framework, respect of and application of international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

Recognizing the need for facilitating co-ordination and implementation of common projects about treatment of wounded, protection of lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other emergencies, the respect of International humanitarian law and ethical principles.

The WMA and the ICMM have agreed to the following:

Article 1. Reciprocal representation

Each organisation will invite the other party to participate as an observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

The Secretary General of the WMA will also invite the Secretary General of the ICMM to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the General Assembly of the WMA as well as at other meetings of common interest. The Secretary General of the ICMM will have the opportunity to address the General Assembly or give a presentation. The details of the scheduling of any such intervention will be determined by the chair of the respective assembly or session.

Likewise, the Secretary-General of the ICMM will also invite the Secretary General of the WMA to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the biennial General Assembly of the ICMM, organized during the World Congress of Military Medicine of the ICMM, where the Secretary-General of the WMA or the representative, will have the opportunity to address the General Assembly of the ICMM or give a presentation at the World Congress. The details of the scheduling of any such intervention will be determined by the chair of the respective assembly or session

Article 2. Exchange of information and documents

Subject to any arrangements which may be necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of certain documents, the WMA and the ICMM may exchange technical documents, that can be distributed among the members of both organizations.

On the condition that the competent authority of the military health service of each affected member state gives its agreement, the ICMM can provide useful and non-confidential information that may be agreed upon between ICMM and WMA.

Ownership of such information shall remain with the party that provides it unless otherwise stated. Any publication or sharing beyond the organization can only be made with the agreement of the document owner.

Article 3. Co-operation

The WMA and the ICMM agree to co-operate and consult each other on questions of mutual interest, in particular those concerning health care, international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

The WMA and the ICMM may agree on joint projects, notably in order to develop international cooperation in the field of health care, international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

Article 4. Validity and duration

The present memorandum of understanding will enter into force once signed by both parties and shall be of indefinite duration.

Either party may propose written amendments to this MOU which, upon written agreement of the other party, shall be considered part of this MOU.

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by an official notification giving to the other not less than three months notice and stating the reasons for termination.

Signed in two original copies in English and French.

Ferney-Voltaire, October 14th, 2017.

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