

**Second Meeting of the Joint Forum
Switzerland, 5-6 August 2000**

Directive No. 2

I. Preamble

At its second meeting on 5-6 August 2000 in Switzerland, the Joint Forum expressed its appreciation for the continued understanding and willingness of all members to continue to engage in discussions. In this meeting, the appointed Representatives from the two Joint Committees participated in the meeting as resource persons.

The Joint Forum expressed again its appreciation for the continued efforts and work of the Joint Committee on Humanitarian Action (JCHA), the Joint Committee on Security Modalities (JCSM) and the Monitoring Teams. In addition, the Joint Forum takes note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Humanitarian Action, and the Report of the Joint Committee on Security Modalities.

Finally, the Joint Forum renews its commitment to honour the Joint Understanding for the Humanitarian Pause and to improve its implementation.

II. Directives

A. Directives made in relation to the Joint Committee on Humanitarian Action

1. The Joint Forum takes note of and is in agreement with the observations and recommendations on the problems faced by the JCHA with regard to co-ordinating humanitarian assistance cited in chapters four and five of the report of the JCHA.
2. Joint Forum recommends that the members of the JCHA focus on practical measures to ensure the swift delivery of humanitarian assistance, especially of aid to IDPs. Specifically, the Joint Forum instructs the JCHA to:
 - a) As stated in the Joint Understanding, Article 3, Section B, and the Directive No. 1, Chapter II, Section A, Paragraph b, co-ordinate and channel all existing and future humanitarian assistance to those in need
 - b) Reiterate and demonstrate the JCHA's commitment to the principle of neutrality with regard to the distribution and co-ordination of humanitarian aid

- c) Ensure the unhindered access of humanitarian aid endorsed with a Stamp of Guarantee by the JCHA to those in need—whatever the source or implementing agency—as mandated in the Joint Understanding, Article 3, Section B
- d) Jointly publicize humanitarian aid activities co-ordinated by the JCHA
- e) Develop a proposal for expanding JCHA's presence in the field, and to submit this proposal to the Joint Forum

3. The Joint Forum also instructs the JCHA Monitoring Team to:

- a) Strengthen its activities, with the support of HDC, to fulfil its mandated role as stated in the Joint Understanding, Article 3, Section B
- b) Report on any blockages of the delivery of humanitarian aid
- c) Ensure that all reports are disseminated to both the JCHA and to the Joint Forum in a systematic and responsible manner

4. The Joint Forum encourages HDC to:

- a) Strengthen its efforts to mobilize funding for humanitarian assistance

5. The Joint Forum condemns any parties involved in the alleged acts of food or cigarette poisoning which has been brought to its attention due to the detrimental effect of such actions on the success of the Humanitarian Pause.

B. Directive made in relation to the Joint Committee on Security Modalities

1. The Joint Forum instructs the Joint Committee on Security Modalities (JCSM) to:

- a) Address the IDP issue as a matter of urgency. In particular, increase the number of joint visits to the field in collaboration with the JCHA in order to escort IDPs back to their homes in a voluntary, safe and secure manner
- b) Clarify the Ground Rules, especially the specific terms cited in Paragraph 4 of the Security Modalities report of 31 July 2000, using references to field incidents and report back the Joint Forum on or before August 17, 2000.

- c) Report on the follow-up to recommendations in the Monitoring Team reports
- d) Prepare and present proposals on how to effectively expand its presence in the field
- e) Jointly develop and implement a greater degree of socialization, especially in regard to media relations
- f) Investigate, in consultation with the Henry Dunant Centre (HDC), how the logistic and administrative requirements in Paragraph 1 of the Security Modalities report of 31 July 2000 can be provided for the Joint Committee

2. The Joint Forum instructs the JCSM Monitoring Team to:

- a) Improve the quality of reporting by presenting it in a more objective, factual manner, and attaching forensic reports where relevant.
- b) Recognize that these reports are to be used by the Joint Committee members to act on, and are not written for judicial purposes
- c) Prepare, with the support from HDC, and use a standard reporting format
- d) Investigate the causes of displacement with regard to IDPs
- e) Obtain two signatures on all reports and distribute these reports to the JCSM, the JCHA and the Joint Forum

3. The Monitoring Team reports may be distributed to the press when the Joint Forum is assured that the quality of the reports has improved and the necessary procedural requirements are met.

C. Directives made with regard to the Humanitarian Pause in general:

1. The Joint Forum encourages both Joint Committees and Monitoring Teams need to work within a common framework, especially in regard to the issue of IDPs.

D. Directives made in relation to the problems submitted to the Joint Forum by the JCSM:

1. The Joint Forum reviews progress on the six outstanding issues submitted by the JCSM at the first Joint Forum meeting, and decided that the two Chairpersons of the JCSM, who were present at this Joint Forum meeting should brief the JCSM on the outcome of the JF review.