



CIF's Statement on Ethical Principles/Standards.

PREAMBLE

According to its Statutes art. 3, CIF is a private and not for profit politically and religiously independent organisation. Its purpose is to promote peace and understanding through professional and cross-cultural exchange for those working in the field of social services, providing opportunities for professional development as well as personal horizons through sharing and learning generated by the exchange.

CIF's ethical standards shall guide CIF's national branches (NBs) and all its bodies in accordance with the organisation's mission, objectives and values as stated in the statutes.

CIF recognizes those statements of International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) as a *base* for CIF's ethical standards:

- Some ethical challenges and problems are specific to particular countries, others are common. CIF members recognise and respect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the societies in its member countries.

The purpose of the CIF's work on ethics is to promote ethical debate and reflections in the member organisations and in its professional exchange programs (PEPs)

Art. 1.

CIF's programs and other activities are conducted in respect and awareness of The Human Rights Convention and the attached Conventions and Declarations.

Art. 2.

The values of CIF are based on the following basic core values: Equal rights for all, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation.

Art. 3.

Based on its basic core values, CIF builds understanding and friendship among people from different faiths and backgrounds through strengthening cultural dialogue and cooperation.

Art. 4.

CIF strives to be aware of and discuss ethical questions and dilemmas likely to occur and occurring in its international context.

Art. 5.

Work in CIF and in PEPs is based on cooperation between equal partners.

Conventions and declarations to be recognised by CIF:

- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- The European Convention of Human Rights
- UN Convention on the abolition discrimination of Women.
- UN Convention on the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination.
- UN standard rules for equal opportunities for disabled and the rights of disabled, and the rights of the mentally disabled (the Jerusalem Declaration).
- UN Declaration on the Right to Development
- UN Convention on refugees.