

Recognition of the Red Cross of Chad

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To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross
and Red Crescent Societies

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition of the Red Cross of Chad by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 15 April 1988, brings to 146 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The new Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 1 March 1988. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its Statutes, and a copy of Ministerial Decree No. 134 of 1 June 1983 whereby the Red Cross of Chad is recognized by the Government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities in accordance with the provisions of the First Geneva Convention of 1949.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, showed that the ten conditions for the recognition of a new National Society by the International Committee may be considered as fulfilled.

The International Committee and the League have observed the activities of the Red Cross of Chad for several years, and representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Red Cross of Chad is set up in conformity with the Fundamental Principles of our Movement. It has local branches in the major urban centres and is developing its activities in several fields: training first-aid workers, improving health conditions, and disseminating knowledge of the Fundamental Principles of the Movement among the population, especially young people.

The Government of Chad acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 5 August 1970.

The Society is presided over by Mr. Abderahman Dadi. Its headquarters is in N'Djamena.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Red Cross of Chad to membership of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies, and in expressing sincere good wishes for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS
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President
