

Seventeenth Conference of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies

Following an invitation from the General Secretariat of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, the ICRC President, accompanied by the delegate-general for the Middle East and North Africa, took part in the Seventeenth Conference of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, which was held at Nouakchott from 15 to 17 March.

The ICRC representatives gave a report on the activities of the Committee in the Middle East and more particularly in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. The report aroused keen interest among the participants.

At the end of its session the Conference adopted a series of resolutions, one of which concerns the ICRC directly. In substance, the resolution calls on the ICRC to pursue its assistance activities on behalf of the victims of current conflicts in the Middle East and, on the other hand, urges National Societies in Arab countries to encourage their governments to accede to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions.

Second Asia and Pacific workshop on the dissemination of international humanitarian law

The Second Asia and Pacific workshop on the dissemination of international humanitarian law was held at Kuala Lumpur from 5 to 11 May. It was organized jointly by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society and the ICRC, and brought together about fifty participants from 23 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Socie-