COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

Geneva, 26-27 October 1989

At its meeting on 26 October 1989 the Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in conformity with the decisions of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, awarded the Henry Dunant Medal and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity as follows:

Henry Dunant Medal

The Henry Dunant Medal was awarded to

The late Michael Egabu, Uganda Red Cross Society, killed in an ambush on 9 January 1989 while a passenger in a Red Cross vehicle;

Mr. Georges M. Elsey, former President and President Emeritus of the American Red Cross;

Dr. Ali Fourati, Honorary President of the Tunisian Red Crescent;

Prof. Dr. L. Kashetra Snidvongs, Former Executive Vice-President of the Thai Red Cross Society;

Mr. Gejza Mencer, member of the Federal Committee of the Czechoslovak Red Cross;

Mr. Leon Stubbings, former Secretary General of the Australian Red Cross Society.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity was awarded to the Lebanese Red Cross.

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The prize was created in 1987 to honour a National Society or an individual who has made an important contribution to international solidarity, and its attribution this year to the Lebanese Red Cross coincides with the 125th anniversary of the Movement.

During a moving tribute to the Lebanese Red Cross, represented by Mrs. Nada Slim, Dr. Abou-Goura, President of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, said: "Its volunteers and staff have shown their courage, perseverance, devotion, compassion, humanity, fidelity and determination to work for peace and to alleviate human suffering".

Appeal on behalf of the ICRC delegates kidnapped in Lebanon on 6 October 1989

(adopted by the Council of Delegates on 26 October 1989)

The 144 National Societies meeting in Geneva at the Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,

convey to the ICRC the expression of their solidarity and support following the kidnapping on 6 October of Emanuel Christen and Elio Erriquez, orthopaedic technicians on mission in Sidon, Lebanon,

recall the resolution adopted at the Twenty-third International Conference of the Red Cross (Bucharest, 1977) condemning hostage-taking,

consider the kidnapping of the two ICRC delegates to be an unacceptable act, constituting an affront to the very essence of the humanitarian mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and cruelly depriving hundreds of disabled in Lebanon of medical assistance,

call for the immediate and unconditional release of Emanuel Christen and Elio Erriquez to restore the respect the ICRC requires, at all times and in all circumstances, to carry out its neutral and impartial humanitarian mission, and to enable the ICRC to continue unhindered its work for the victims of war.