

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Recognition of the Mauritanian Red Crescent Society

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Circular No. 489

*to the Central Committees of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent
and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross, on 6 June 1973, officially recognized the Mauritanian Red Crescent Society.

The new Society formally applied for recognition by the International Committee on 5 March 1973. Its request was supported by its Statutes, the Mauritanian Government Decree recognizing the Mauritanian Red Crescent as a National Society auxiliary to the public authorities, and a report on the Society's activities.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, showed that the ten qualifying conditions for recognition of a new National Society had been fulfilled.

This recognition, which the International Committee is pleased to announce, brings to 117 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The Mauritanian Red Crescent, which was visited in 1972 by representatives of the International Committee and of the League

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of Red Cross Societies, is active throughout the territory. It is concerned, in case of conflict, with assistance to military and civilian wounded and sick and to prisoners of war. In peacetime, it goes to the aid of victims of natural disasters, alleviates suffering, and takes part in health improvement schemes, including those adopted for the prevention of disease.

The Government of Mauritania acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 30 October 1962. The autonomous character of the Society is provided for in the Statutes and is guaranteed by the aforesaid Decree.

Mrs. Sall Abdul Aziz is President of the Society, which has its headquarters at Nouakchott.*

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Mauritanian Red Crescent to membership of the International Red Cross, 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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