

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

RECOGNITION OF THE TOGOLESE RED CROSS SOCIETY

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435th Circular

*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross
(Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun) Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition, on September 7, 1961, of the Togolese Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition in a letter dated August 14, 1961. The application was accompanied by a document from the Togolese Ministry of the Interior according the Society official recognition, together with the text of the Society's Statutes.

The study of these documents has shown that the ten conditions for recognition of a new Society have been duly fulfilled. These documents have also been examined in conjunction with the Secretariat of the League.

The International Committee has pleasure therefore in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to eighty-seven. The Togolese Red Cross becomes, moreover, the eleventh National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

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Until Togoland acceded to independence, the French Red Cross carried out its work in the country. It was succeeded by the new Society, founded during 1959 under the name "Association of the Togolese Red Cross". According to its Statutes and the Declaration of the Association, it is recognized by the authorities as an auxiliary to the public and military health services in all the fields specified by the Geneva Conventions. It has, moreover, taken upon itself the mission of providing relief for victims in the event of disasters, contributing towards the fight against epidemics and the prevention of disease and training nursing and first-aid personnel. Three regional branches have already been opened, while three more will be opened shortly. The Society already numbers over 500 members in the capital alone.

The Republic of Togoland is a party to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 by virtue of their ratification by France in 1951.

The Togolese Red Cross is presided over by Mrs. Régina Savi de Tové; the first Vice-President is Mr. Raphaël Amedjogbé and the Secretary-General, Mr. Boniface T. Dovi. Its headquarters are in Lomé.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has great pleasure in welcoming this new Society into the International Red Cross, accrediting it by this notice to all other National Societies and recommending it to their kind attention. It expresses its best wishes for the Society's future and for the success of its charitable work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

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