

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Recognition of the Zambia Red Cross Society

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*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 December 8, 1966, granted recognition to the Zambia Red Cross Society.

This new Society—formerly a branch of the British Red Cross—applied for recognition by letter on April 14, 1966. Its application was accompanied by a copy of the Society's Rules, a report on its activities for 1964 and a summary of its 1965 activities together with a copy of the "Zambia Red Cross Society Act, 1966".

These documents, which were examined jointly with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, show that the ten conditions for recognition of a new National Society by the International Committee have been complied with.

The recognition, which the International Committee of the Red Cross is pleased to announce, brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to 108.

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The Red Cross of Zambia, recognized as an auxiliary to the public authorities and the sole National Red Cross Society in the country, is well organized and is making strenuous efforts to develop its humanitarian work. Central Branches have been established in the four main towns and Divisions have been set up in many other towns. The activities of the Red Cross of Zambia are very varied, covering first-aid courses, a blood donor service, welfare service for handicapped children and the indigent aged, and especially a first-aid service in mining regions, under a " Council for Mining First Aid " which has a status similar to that of the Branches.

The supreme authority of the Zambia Red Cross Society is a Council composed of Branch representatives and independent members elected or appointed. Between Council meetings, the Society's activities are directed by an Executive Committee. The Society's Patron is Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, President of the Republic ; its President is Mr. S. H. Chileshe, former mayor of Lusaka while Mrs. Grace Matoka is the National Director. The Society headquarters are in Lusaka.

The Republic of Zambia's accession to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 has been lodged with the Swiss authorities on October 19, 1966.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is pleased to welcome the Red Cross of Zambia into the International Red Cross and to accredit it and commend it, by the present circular, to the other National Societies. It expresses sincere wishes for the future of the Red Cross of Zambia and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS :

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