

Recognition of the Cameroon Red Cross Society

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*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 July 4, 1963, of the Cameroon Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition by the International Committee by letter dated June 10, 1963. The application was accompanied by the Decree promulgated on January 9, 1963, by the Government of the Cameroon Republic which accorded the Society recognition, together with the text of the Society's statutes and a report of its activities.

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

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure, therefore, in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to ninety-two. The Cameroon Red Cross thus becomes the fourteenth National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

The work of the Red Cross in Cameroon had been carried out with devotion and competence by the French Red Cross until 1960, when the powers and the property of its Cameroon branch were transferred to the new National Society. This Society has been

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recognized as an auxiliary to the public authorities and to the Medical Service of the armed forces. It comprises 9 local committees. It takes part in the functioning of the leper-hospitals and orphanages, distributes relief to the victims of events of all descriptions, to the sick in hospitals, to those suffering from tuberculosis, directs a kindergarten and gives training to female instructors for home care. A Junior Red Cross is in the process of formation.

The Republic of Cameroon is bound by the Geneva Conventions of 1949 by virtue of their ratification by France in 1951.

The President of the Society is Dr. Tchoungui and its Secretary-General is Mrs. Boiché. Its headquarters are at Yaoundé.

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

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

Léopold Boissier, *President*
