

Recognition of the Algerian Red Crescent 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 Algerian Red Crescent Society.

This Society applied for recognition by letter dated June 24, 1963. The application was accompanied by the Decree promulgated on September 6, 1962, by the Algerian provisional Executive which accorded it 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 by the International Committee 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 in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to ninety-four. The Algerian Red Crescent thus becomes the sixteenth National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

The work of the Red Crescent in Algeria had been carried out by the French Red Cross with devotion and competence until the country achieved independence. It was immediately taken over by the new Society which had been created during the conflict. It is recognized as an auxiliary to the public authorities and the Medical

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Service of the armed forces. It consists of departmental and local committees. It undertakes courses for first-aid workers and nursing assistants and directs a clothing centre and a milk distribution centre for infants. It has opened some dispensaries and is preparing others. It has placed several ambulances into service. A Junior Red Crescent is in the process of formation.

The provisional Algerian Government acceded on June 20, 1960, to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The President of the Society is Mr. Mustapha Kermia and its Secretary-General is Mr. A. Tahraoni. Its headquarters are at Algiers.

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*
