

Recognition of the Red Cross Society of Cape Verde

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross
and Red Crescent Societies*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition of the Red Cross Society of Cape Verde by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 14 March 1985, brings to 136 the number of National Society members of the International Red Cross.

Founded on 19 July 1975, the Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 31 January 1985. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including several reports on its activities, the text of its Statutes and a certified copy of the ministerial decree of 3 November 1984 attesting that the Red Cross Society is recognized by the government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities.

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

The International Committee and the League have observed the activities of the Red Cross of Cape Verde for several years. Representatives on mission of the two institutions have ascertained that

the Red Cross of Cape Verde, which has a sound infrastructure, extends its activities virtually throughout the entire country and that these activities are being developed in several fields: information, first aid, health education, social welfare assistance, preparedness in case of natural disaster.

On 11 May 1984, the Swiss Federal Council received notification of the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, which therefore entered into force on the territory of Cape Verde on 11 November 1984.

The Red Cross of Cape Verde is presided over by Mr. Dario Laval Rezende Dantas dos Reis. Its headquarters is located in Praia. The address is as follows: Cruz Vermelha de Cabo Verde, Rua Unidade-Guiné-Cabo Verde, P.O. Box 119, Praia, Cape Verde.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Red Cross of Cape Verde 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 to the Society for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

For the International Committee
of the Red Cross

Alexandre HAY

President

Accession of the Republic of Vanuatu to the Protocols

The Republic of Vanuatu deposited with the Swiss Government, on 28 February 1985, an instrument of accession to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I) and non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will enter into force for the Republic of Vanuatu on 28 August 1985.

This is the 50th State to become party to Protocol I and the 43rd to Protocol II.