

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.