

Appointment to the Executive Board

The Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in its meeting of 5 June 1986, appointed Mr. André Ghelfi as a member of the Executive Board. He will take up his duties at the meeting of the Executive Board on 1 October 1986.

Mr. André Ghelfi has been a member of the ICRC Assembly since 9 May 1985.

ICRC President Carries Out Mission in Rabat

ICRC President Alexandre Hay, accompanied by the ICRC Delegate General for the Middle East and North Africa, travelled to Rabat on 28 June to have talks with King Hassan II of Morocco on humanitarian issues related to the Western Sahara conflict.

After preliminary discussions with Foreign Affairs Minister Filali, Mr. Skalli, who was formerly Ambassador in Geneva and is now the head of the political department at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, and other Moroccan government officials, Mr. Hay was received by the King in the company of the Foreign Affairs Minister and a high ranking Army officer.

In Rabat, the ICRC representatives also met Mr. Medi Benouna, member of the Moroccan Red Crescent Central Committee.

The President of the Federal Republic of Germany Visits the ICRC

During his stay in Geneva, Mr. Richard von Weizsäcker, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, visited the International Committee of the Red Cross on 12 June 1986. He was received by Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC, and members of the Committee and Directorate. Mr. von Weizsäcker and Mr. Hay

discussed various humanitarian issues during their meeting, which gave the ICRC President the opportunity to emphasize how much the Federal Republic of Germany's support to the institution's activities was appreciated.

During the visit, Mr. Richard von Weizsäcker was accompanied by Dr. Hans Arnold, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, and by members of his staff.

Visit by the President of the Republic of Senegal

Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and Mrs. Abdou Diouf, Honorary President of the Senegalese Red Cross, visited the ICRC on 18 June 1986.

Mr. Diouf was received by Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC, members of the Committee and Directorate and heads of the main services of the institution. Cheikh Hamidou Kane, Minister of Planning and Co-operation, Mr. Andre Sonko, Minister of Public Offices, Work and Employment, Mrs. Mantoulaye Guene, Minister of Social Development, and Mr. Alioune Sene, Ambassador to Switzerland and Permanent Representative of Senegal to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, accompanied Mr. Diouf during his visit.

During the meeting between the OAU's current Chairman and leading members of the ICRC a wide-reaching exchange of views on the current situation in Africa took place. Of the ICRC's 37 delegations throughout the world, no less than 14 are in Africa, so that the ICRC and the OAU have a number of common concerns, and close dialogue between the two organizations is therefore of great importance.
