## ICRC APPEAL FOR RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN YUGOSLAVIA

The International Committee of the Red Cross is deeply concerned about the gravity of the situation in Yugoslavia and its consequences in humanitarian terms.

The ICRC calls on all the parties to respect international humanitarian law and to ensure that it is respected by everyone involved in the fighting.

The civilian population and people *hors de combat* must not be attacked and must be protected from any act of violence. Persons captured must be treated humanely and the wounded and sick must be cared for in all circumstances.

The ICRC urges all parties to respect the protective red cross emblem, so that those displaying it in the course of their humanitarian activities can do their work safely and without constraint of any kind. Misuse of the emblem is prohibited under international humanitarian law.

The ICRC also trusts that the parties concerned will continue to grant its representatives and those of the Red Cross of Yugoslavia and of the Republics the facilities required to enable the Red Cross to bring assistance to all victims of the clashes. (No. 1673/2 July 1991).

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