

Recognition of the Grenada Red Cross Society

Geneva, 18 March 1987

*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 Grenada Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 12 March 1987, brings to 145 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Founded in September 1955, the Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 3 December 1986. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including the text of its Statutes and a copy of the "Grenada Red Cross Society Law, 1981" attesting that the Grenada Red Cross is recognized by the government as a voluntary aid Society auxiliary to the public authorities in accordance with the provisions of the First Geneva Convention of 1949. Reports on the Society's activities during the two previous years were also submitted.

All these documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, showed that the ten 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 Grenada Red Cross since 1982. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Grenada Red Cross

has a well-developed operational capacity. It has an infrastructure enabling it to act throughout the national territory and its work embraces several activities: information, services to the community (helping the aged, home helps, working in hospitals) by young volunteer workers, training first-aid workers and disaster relief work preparedness.

Grenada, a former British colony, attained independence on 7 January 1974 and became Party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 by a declaration of succession received on 13 April 1981 by the Swiss Federal Council and taking effect from the date of its independence.

The Grenada Red Cross is presided over by Mr. Christopher A. Williams. The Secretary-General is Mr. Simon Charles. The Society's headquarters is in St. George's. Its address is as follows: Grenada Red Cross Society, P.O. Box 221, St. George's.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Grenada Red Cross Society to membership of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies. It expresses 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

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President
