

Recognition of the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates

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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 that the International Committee of the Red Cross has officially recognized the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates. This recognition, which took effect on 27 August 1986, brings to 139 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross.

The new Society applied for recognition by the International Committee on 1 October 1985. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its Statutes and a copy of Ministerial Decree No. 6/2 of 1983 attesting that the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates is recognized by the government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities, particularly within the meaning of the First Geneva Convention of 1949.

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 qualifying conditions for the recognition of a new National Society by the International Committee had been fulfilled.

The International Committee and the League have closely observed the activities of the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates since it was founded in 1983. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that this Society, which has a sound infrastructure, is capable of acting throughout the entire country in the event of an emergency. The Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates devotes itself to improving public health through health education (schools and hostels), training first-aid workers and disseminating knowledge of the fundamental prin-

ciples of the Movement amongst the youth of the country. Moreover, it has from the start been very active on the international level, engaging in bilateral relief operations.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates acceded on 10 May 1972 to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The Society is presided over by Mr. Eid Khamis Al Muhairy and has its headquarters in Abu Dhabi.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates to membership of the International Red Cross and commending it, by this circular, to all the National Societies. It expresses its sincere good wishes for the continuance and expansion of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

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