Eighth Conference of Heads of State or Government of non-aligned countries

The President of the ICRC attended the eighth summit meeting of non-aligned countries, held in Harare (Zimbabwe) from 1 to 6 September, where he had discussions on humanitarian matters with some twenty Heads of State and Ministers of Foreign Affairs. He was accompanied by Mr. A. Pasquier, Director of Operations, Mr. M. Veuthey, Head of the Division of International Organizations, and his Deputy, Mr. J.-D. Biéler, with support from Mr. U.G. Bédert, ICRC regional delegate based in Harare.

The Chairman of the Conference and the Movement of non-aligned countries, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr. Robert Mugabe, launched an appeal, in his opening speech, for respect for international humanitarian law in the Gulf conflict.

In the course of this mission, the President of the ICRC visited the headquarters of the Zimbabwe Red Cross, where he was welcomed by Secretary General, Mr. Olivier Kuwana, surrounded by senior members of his staff.

International Congress on "Peace and Humanitarian Actions"

The United Nations decided that 1986 would be the International Year of Peace. On this occasion, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law organized an International Congress on "Peace and Humanitarian Actions", which was held from 3 to 6 September 1986 in San Remo. The Congress was followed by a Red Cross and Red Crescent Symposium.

Under the high patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, the Congress welcomed some 125 representatives of governmental and non-governmental international organizations, permanent missions to the United Nations in Geneva, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the ICRC and the League, and members of the academic institutions and experts involved in humanitarian work.

At the opening ceremony, a message from the President of the Italian Republic was read to all participants and speeches were made by representatives of Liguria, the Province of Imperia and the city of San Remo, by Mr. Eric Suy, Director General of the