

Recognition of the Guinean Red Cross Society

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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 of the official recognition of the Guinean Red Cross by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 1 October 1986, brings to 141 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Founded on 26 January 1984, the Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 20 August 1986. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including the text of its Statutes and a copy of Government Decree No. 006/PRG/86 of 15 January 1986 attesting that the Guinean 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. A report on the Society's activities was also submitted to the ICRC.

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 followed with interest and satisfaction the rapid progress of the Guinean Red Cross. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Guinean Red Cross is set up in conformity with the Fundamental Principles of our Movement. It already has an infrastructure enabling it to act throughout the national territory and its work embraces several activities: first-aid blood transfusions, assistance to prisoners and organizing information seminars nationwide.

On 11 July 1984, the Swiss Federal Council received notification of the accession of the Republic of Guinea to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, which therefore entered into force on the territory of Guinea on 11 January 1985.

The Guinean Red Cross is presided over by Mr. Louis Holié. The Society's headquarters are in Conakry. Its address is as follows: Guinean Red Cross, P.O. Box 376, Conakry.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Guinean Red Cross 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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