

Recognition of the Angola 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 Angola Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 1 October 1986, brings to 142 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Founded on 16 March 1978, the Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 16 August 1986. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including the text of its Statutes and a copy of Government Decree No. 25/78 of 16 March 1978 attesting that the Angola 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 the 1949.

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 may be considered as fulfilled.

The International Committee and the League have observed the activities of the Angola Red Cross for several years. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Angola Red Cross is set up in conformity with the Fundamental Principles of our Movement. It is in a position to operate in the more inhabited regions of the country and its work embraces several activities: training first-aid workers, assisting the needy (children, the aged and displaced people), preparing for activities in the event of conflict, and an information and dissemination programme. Furthermore, it participates in the national blood transfusion programme.

An independent State since November 1975, Angola has acceded to the Four Geneva Conventions and Protocol I: notification of accession reached Berne on 20 September 1984 and for Angola the Conventions and Protocol I therefore entered into force on 20 March 1985.

The Angola Red Cross is presided over by Mr. Belarmino van Dunen. The Society's headquarters are in Luanda. Its address is as follows: Angola Red Cross, Av. Hoji Ya Henda 107, Luanda.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Angola 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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President
