

Recognition of the Red Crescent of Djibouti

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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 Red Crescent of Djibouti by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 15 October 1986, brings to 144 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Founded on 1 August 1977, the Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 8 October 1986. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its Statutes and a copy of Government Decree No. 77-042/PR of 18 October 1977 attesting that the Red Crescent of Djibouti 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.

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 Red Crescent of Djibouti is set up in conformity with the Fundamental Principles of our Movement.

The International Committee and the League have observed the activities of the Red Crescent of Djibouti for several years. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that, thanks to the support of various National Societies, the Red Crescent of Djibouti should shortly be able to reach a level of development that will enable it to fully assume its role throughout the country and to develop its activities, which currently consist in training first-aid workers, teaching first aid and preventive hygiene and distributing food and relief items to those in need.

The Republic of Djibouti acceded to independence on 27 June 1977 and became party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 by a declaration of succession received by the Swiss Federal Council on 6 March 1978 and which entered into force on the date of independence.

The Red Crescent of Djibouti is presided over by Mrs. Aicha Bogoreh. Its headquarters are located in Djibouti. The Society's address is as follows: Société du Croissant-Rouge de Djibouti, B. P. 8, Djibouti.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Red Crescent of Djibouti to membership of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies, and in expressing 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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