

IN THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT WORLD

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

PROGRAMME OF COMMEMORATION (Outline)

Duration

From the Council of Delegates meeting of November 1987 to the October 1989 meeting

Themes

GENERAL THEME

“125 YEARS AT WORK”

Subsidiary slogan for 1988:

“...AND STILL DEVELOPING”

(Theme of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 1988, to be used at the National Societies' discretion between November 1987 and October 1988.)

Subsidiary slogan for 1989:

“...PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE”

(Theme of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 1989, to be used at the National Societies' discretion from the end of October 1988 up to the end of the programme in October 1989.)

Main events on the international level

- November 1987:* — Rio de Janeiro: launching of the programme of commemoration.
- 8 May 1988:* — World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, devoted to the theme of development.
- October 1988:* — USSR: Commission on the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace—International seminar on “Information, dissemination and peace”.
- 8 May 1989:* — World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day devoted to the “Humanitarian gesture”.
- August 1989:* — “Supercamp 1989” for Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth at Solferino/Castiglione.
- October 1989:* — Award of the first Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity.
— End of the programme of commemoration.

It should be mentioned that the last part of the programme of commemoration will coincide with the launching of the worldwide campaign for the protection of war victims, which is planned to reach its peak in 1990 with a worldwide two-day truce.

On each of the above dates, commemorative events will also be organized in Geneva. To these should be added:

- 9 February 1988:* — Placing of a plaque marking the 125th anniversary of the creation of the “Permanent International Committee for Relief to the Wounded in Time of War” (the Committee of Five, which became the ICRC).
- 26-28 October 1988:* — Symposium on the Precursors of the Red Cross, organized by the Henry Dunant Society.
- 29 October 1988:* — Inauguration of the International Museum of the Red Cross.