

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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## **APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE ICRC**

At its last meeting in 1987, the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross welcomed **Mrs. Liselotte Kraus-Gurny** as a new member of the Committee.

Mrs. Kraus-Gurny is from Zurich. She is a Doctor of Laws and worked in the legal division of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva from 1961 to 1972. She devoted the following years to her family, and to political activities at the municipal and cantonal levels in Geneva, where she was particularly active in the field of education and training.

With the appointment of Mrs. Kraus-Gurny, the Committee, which is composed exclusively of Swiss citizens, now has 21 members.

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## **OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN BY THE ICRC PRESIDENT**

ICRC President Cornelio Sommaruga paid an official visit to Japan from 6 to 14 December 1987.

The President, accompanied by Mr. Hans Spiess, ICRC honorary delegate for Japan, Mr. Peter Küng, head of the regional delegation (Far East) and Mr. Cédric Neukomm, delegate responsible for dissemination and co-operation in Asia, first participated in a symposium on the theme "From small peace to large peace", which was organized by the Japanese Red Cross Society in collaboration with the NHK television station and the newspaper *Asahi Shimbun* and sponsored by the Union Bank of Switzerland.