

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

**Recognition of the
Guyana Red Cross Society**

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent,
and Red Lion and Sun Societies.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross on 8th August 1968 officially recognized the Guyana Red Cross Society.

This new Society, founded in 1967, applied to the International Committee for recognition on 15th February 1968. The application was accompanied by the Society's Rules and Regulations, a copy of the Ordinance of 21st December 1967 (Guyana Red Cross Society Incorporation Act), together with a report on the Society's activities in 1966 and a financial statement.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, showed that the ten qualifying conditions for recognition of a new National Society had been fulfilled.

This recognition, which the International Committee is pleased to announce, brings to 111 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

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The Secretary-General of the League, Mr. Henrik Beer visited the Red Cross of Guyana in 1967 and was able to see the effective work it is carrying out throughout the territory.

By its declaration of continuity on 22nd July 1968, Guyana has become the one hundred and twentieth State party to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The National Society's chief authority is a council comprising the directors of the Society. Between this council's sessions the Society's activities are managed by its Chairman, Mr. H. B. S. Bol-lers, Minister of Justice. The Directress is Mrs. S. Matthews. Moreover, a general assembly meets each year. The Society's headquarters are in Georgetown.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Guyana Red Cross to membership of the Inter-national Red Cross, in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies, and in expressing sincere good wishes for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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