

On 4 September the Iranian Authorities notified the Swiss Government, the depositary of the Geneva Conventions, of the adoption by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the red crescent, and asked it to convey its decision to the States parties to the Geneva Conventions. This the Swiss Government did on 20 October.

At its meeting on 11 October, the League Executive Council was informed of the new name and emblem adopted by the Iranian National Society. The Council directed the League Secretary General to inform all National Societies members of the League.

Taking into consideration all the steps mentioned above, the ICRC and the League request all National Societies to take note of the new name and emblem of the Iranian National Society.

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Two new members of the ICRC

The Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross has elected two new members, Mr. Olivier Long and Mr. Dietrich Schindler, who took up their duties at the ICRC on 1 December 1980.

Mr. Olivier Long was born in Geneva in 1915 and studied law, economics and political science. He received a doctorate in law at the University of Paris, graduated at the *Ecole des Sciences politiques* in Paris and took a doctorate in political science at the Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies.

During the Second World War, he worked for a time in the ICRC Secretariat before being appointed, in 1943, head of the Economic Service of the International Red Cross Joint Relief Commission, whose functions were to bring aid to civilian victims of the war. From 1944 to 1946, he was the Commission's delegate in London to deal with problems arising from the blockade.

After joining the Federal Political Department in 1946, Mr. Long was appointed Secretary of the Swiss Legation in Washington (1949-1954). From 1955 to 1966, he occupied the post of delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for trade agreements. During that period, he also led the Swiss Delegation to the European Free Trade Association (1960-1966). At the end of 1966, Mr. Long was appointed Swiss Ambassador in London and Malta. In November 1967, he was elected Director-General of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) by the member States, and remained in that post until September 1980.

Since 1962, Mr. Long has been teaching at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. He has written numerous books and articles on international political and economic relations.

Mr. Dietrich Schindler, who is a Doctor of Laws, was born in Zürich in 1924. He has been teaching international, constitutional and administrative law since 1956, and since 1964, has occupied the post of Ordinary Professor in those subjects, at the University of Zürich. He has also given courses on those same subjects at Michigan University (1961-62), and at the Universities of Bonn (1957-1958), St. Gall (1962-1964) and Basle (1966-1970). He has been a member of the Institute of International Law since 1967 and of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague since 1977. He is the author of numerous books and studies on international law, human rights and humanitarian law.

Professor Schindler has already been a member of the ICRC, from 1961 to 1973. When he resigned in December 1973, he was made an honorary member of the ICRC and continued to sit on the ICRC's Legal Commission and to contribute articles to the International Review of the Red Cross.

The ICRC is very pleased at the prospect of benefiting from the valuable co-operation of its two new members.