

In the course of a lengthy series of discussions, the members of the delegation and leaders of the Alliance exchanged views on a great number of subjects, including the dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law; the ratification of the 1977 Protocols; the problem of Red Cross and Peace; and the ICRC's activities throughout the world.

At the ICRC delegation's request, arrangements were made for them to meet also a number of government officials. They had discussions with representatives of the Soviet Armed Forces and of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as well as prominent persons from scientific and university circles. One of the results of those conversations, in which the topics mentioned above were also discussed, was that the ICRC representatives and their interlocutors agreed to review ways and means of co-operation in the years ahead, in particular for dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law.

In its talks the ICRC delegation also raised the question of the humanitarian problems created by the conflict which was taking place in Afghanistan.

Declaration by UNITA

In a message addressed in French on 25 July 1980 to the ICRC and signed by its Information Secretary, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) made the following declaration:

“We welcome your assistance project for Angola and have requested the above-mentioned to notify you of the terms of our declaration of principle, as follows: . . .

“UNITA renews its commitment to the Geneva Conventions and subscribes to the fundamental rules of international law applicable in armed conflicts. . . .”