

## **Declaration of succession of the Solomon Islands to the Geneva Conventions**

On 6 July 1981 the Solomon Islands deposited with the Swiss Government instruments containing its declaration of succession to the Four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims, pursuant to the previous ratification of those Conventions by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Following this declaration the Solomon Islands became a Party to the Geneva Conventions on 7 July 1978, the date of its independence.

The Solomon Islands is the 149th State to become party to the Geneva Conventions.

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### **Death of Dr. R. Käser**

The Red Cross learned with great sorrow of the sudden death of a long-time friend and colleague, Dr Reinhold Käser, M. D., who passed away in Berne on 29 June 1981, at the age of seventy-one.

After studying at the Universities of Geneva, Zurich, Kiel and Berne, Dr Käser practised in Solothurn and then in Berne from 1943 to 1960. He is the author of several books on medicine.

From 1954 to 1958 he held the post of chief medical officer of the Swiss Red Cross. He organized basic first aid and life saving courses, and was the very active chairman of the First Aid and Life Saving Medical Commission of the Swiss Red Cross from 1973 until his death. At the same time he was an honorary member of the Swiss Red Cross and a member of its Board of Directors.