

# Recognition of the Qatar Red Crescent Society

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*To the Central Committees of the National  
Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross has officially recognized the Qatar Red Crescent Society.

This recognition, which took effect on 26 October 1981, brings to 128 the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The new Society applied for recognition by the International Committee on 4 October 1981. Its request was supported by various documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its Statutes, its constituent instrument and a copy of the ministerial decree of 27 August 1980.

The constituent instrument and Statutes of the Society were approved by the Government, as specified in the above-mentioned ministerial decree.

The constituent instrument provides that the object of the Society is to assist the public authorities in time of peace and in time of war,

according to the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The Statutes stipulate also that in wartime the Society shall act as an auxiliary to the public authorities and in particular to the Armed Forces Medical Service, in the interest of all victims, both civilian and military. These provisions may be considered to be equivalent to government recognition of the Society as an auxiliary to the public authorities.

These various 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.

The Qatar Red Crescent Society, which was visited several times in the course of the past few years, and particularly in 1979, 1980 and 1981, by representatives of the International Committee and of the League of Red Cross Societies, was founded in 1978. Its main tasks are to improve public health, by providing health education and training first-aid workers, and to assist disabled persons and needy families among the foreign minorities living in Qatar.

The Government of Qatar acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 15 October 1975.

The Society is presided over by Sheikh Ali Bin Jabr Al-Thani. Its headquarters is at Doha <sup>1</sup>.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Qatar Red Crescent Society to membership of the International Red Cross, in accrediting it, by this circular, and commending it 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  
OF THE RED CROSS

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