

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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## **Recognition of the Red Crescent Society of the Yemen Arab Republic**

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*To the Central Committees of 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 Red Crescent Society of the Yemen Arab Republic. This recognition came into force on 22 April 1982 and brings to 129 the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The new Society transmitted to the International Committee, on 19 April 1982, its application for recognition dated 7 April 1982. The request was supported by a report on the Society's activities, the texts of its Statutes, copies of the Presidential decree of 16 July 1970, announcing the creation of the Society, and of the ministerial declaration of 15 April 1982 certifying that the Red Crescent Society is recognized by the Government as a voluntary and independent aid Society, auxiliary to the public authorities and as the only Red Crescent Society in the Yemen Arab Republic.

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.

The Red Crescent Society of the Yemen Arab Republic has been visited several times in recent years by representatives of the International Committee and of the League of Red Cross Societies, who noted that the Society has a large number of voluntary workers and a good operational capacity. Outside Sana'a, the Society is active in each of the five provinces of the country. It focuses particularly on the training of first aid workers and on medical and social assistance to refugees, repatriated and displaced persons and to victims of natural disasters; it is also concerned with promoting knowledge of the work and principles of the movement in hospitals, schools and prisons, and, at a later stage, in government circles, the army and the university. It co-operates with the Ministry of Health in matters of education, hygiene and disease prevention and is active on behalf of young people and the disabled.

The Yemen Arab Republic acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 16 July 1970.

The Society is presided over by Mr. Mohamed Ahmad Al-Rahdi and its Secretary-General is Dr. Abdella Hamud Al-Khameesi. Its headquarters is in Sana'a.\*

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Red Crescent Society of the Yemen Arab Republic to membership of the International 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  
OF THE RED CROSS

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\* The new Society's address is: Yemen Red Crescent Society, P.O. Box 1471, SANA'A, Yemen Arab Republic.