

Session of the Medico-Legal Commission of Monaco

The ninth session of the Medico-Legal Commission was held at Monaco, from 12 to 15 May 1982. As customary, the ICRC was represented by an observer, Mr. Y. Sandoz, Deputy Director and Head of the Principles and Law Department of the ICRC. Mr. Jean Pictet, a member of the ICRC, who was elected a member of the Medico-Legal Commission, was also present.

There were two items on the agenda: "Data processing and transformations in the medical profession and in medical ethics" and "International organizations and internal conflicts".

The ICRC was directly concerned with the second topic which was the subject of a report by Professor Christian Dominicé and Professor Patnógic. In the discussions that followed the reports, many questions were posed on the role and the work of the ICRC.

At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Medico-Legal Commission passed a resolution, calling on governments to support international humanitarian law and encourage the ICRC in its role of protection in the event of armed conflict.

RESOLUTION I

OF THE MEDICO-LEGAL COMMISSION OF MONACO

The Medico-Legal Commission, . . .

Deeply concerned over the fact that fundamental humanitarian rules are not always fully respected in non-international armed conflicts and in internal troubles,

Recognizing the necessity and urgency of ensuring more effective protection and assistance to the victims of such conflicts,

Believing that it is the duty of governments to accept offers of service made by the International Committee of the Red Cross,

Urges governments to accept the offers of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the event of internal conflict or any other circumstances of internal trouble or tension and to grant it the facilities enabling it to carry out its humanitarian activities,

Encourages the International Committee of the Red Cross, or any other impartial humanitarian body, to pursue its activities in aid of victims of armed conflicts and international troubles,

Invites States which have not yet done so to ratify as soon as possible, or to accede to, Protocol II of 10 June 1977 additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts.