

## **The Indian Vice-President visits the League and the ICRC**

The Vice-President of the Republic of India and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Mr. Hidayatullah, visited on 25 February the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

Welcomed at the League by Secretary-General Hans Hoegh and his principal colleagues, Mr. Hidayatullah and the people accompanying him were given a short explanation on the League's activities to promote the development of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, to provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and to the disabled and on its work on behalf of young people. Several other humanitarian problems were raised with the Secretary-General.

At the headquarters of the ICRC Mr. Hidayatullah and his retinue were received, in President Hay's absence, by Vice-President Richard Pestalozzi and members of the International Committee and of the directors' board. A summary of the ICRC present activities in the world was made to the Indian Vice-President; this was followed by a short discussion on the 1977 Protocols.

The Vice-President of India was accompanied by the Indian Ambassador to Switzerland, the Indian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and other senior officials.

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## **Tanzania's accession to the Protocols**

On 15 February 1983 the United Republic of Tanzania deposited with the Swiss Government its instruments of accession to Protocols I and II additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, relating to the protection of victims of international and non-international armed conflicts and adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

These instruments were registered on 15 February 1983 and the Protocols, in accordance with their provisions, will take effect for Tanzania as of 15 August 1983.

Following this accession 28 States are parties to Protocol I and 24 States to Protocol II.