

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Appointment to the Executive Board

Following the decision of the ICRC Assembly, Mr. Maurice Aubert is taking part in the meetings of the ICRC Executive Board as from September 1983.

Mr. Maurice Aubert has been a member of the International Committee of the Red Cross since February 1979.

The President of Tanzania at the ICRC

During a short stay in Geneva, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, visited, on 3 October, the International Committee of the Red Cross. He was welcomed by the ICRC President, Mr. Alexandre Hay, and senior ICRC officials and during the meeting the Tanzanian president discussed various humanitarian matters.

President Nyerere was accompanied by the Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations in Geneva, Mr. Chagula, and Tanzania's Ambassador to Switzerland and the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Diria.

Recognition of the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Zimbabwe

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the pleasure of informing you of the official recognition of the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Zimbabwe by the International

Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 7 September 1983, brings to 131 the number of National Society members of the International Red Cross.

The Society, which has been active since 1931, officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 20 April 1983. In support of its application it forwarded several documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its statutes and a copy of the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society Act, 1981, which recognizes it as the only Red Cross Society in the country and as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities. These documents, which we examined in conjunction with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, show that the ten conditions for the recognition of a new National Society have been fulfilled.

The International Committee has maintained a delegation in Zimbabwe for several years and the League is also represented. The representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Zimbabwe Red Cross, which extends its activities to the whole country, has a solid structure and good operational capacity. The Society engages in numerous activities: training, teaching and instruction, first aid, primary medical care, recruitment of blood-donors, preparation for natural disasters. The Society also actively supports the government in its programme to help the disabled and provides medical services where necessary.

The Republic of Zimbabwe acceded on 7 March 1983 to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949; in accordance with the final provisions of the Conventions, the Republic of Zimbabwe became a Party to them six months after the date on which the instruments of accession were deposited, that is to say, on 7 September 1983.

The Zimbabwe Red Cross is presided over by Mr. Byron Hove. The seat of the Society is in Harare. The address is as follows: The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society, P.O. Box 1406, Harare, Zimbabwe.

The International Committee of the Red Cross takes pleasure in welcoming the Zimbabwe Red Cross into the International Red Cross, accrediting and commending it, by the present circular, to all the National Societies. It extends its best wishes to the Society for the future and the pursuit of its humanitarian activities.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

Alexandre HAY
President

Geneva, 7 September 1983.