

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HANDBOOK

The ICRC and the League, in collaboration with the Henry Dunant Institute, are currently preparing the twelfth edition of the International Red Cross Handbook. The French text¹ was published in February 1983. We are pleased to announce that the English version is now off the press.² The translation in Spanish will follow in the next months.

This version in English is of course similar to the French. We already described its contents in the September-October issue of *International Review*. The first part of the Handbook is devoted to international humanitarian law currently in force and reproduces the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their 1977 Additional Protocols. The second part contains the statutes and internal regulations of the Red Cross and of its various constituent bodies, with the revisions and amendments of the past few years. The third part is made up of a selection of resolutions adopted by the International Red Cross Conference, the Council of Delegates and the League General Assembly.

A number of important texts are printed in a special way to draw immediate attention:

- the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, as proclaimed by the Twentieth International Red Cross Conference at Vienna in 1965;
- the fundamental rules of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts, which summarize the approximately 600 articles of this law;
- a historical review of the Red Cross, a one-page table of the most outstanding events and dates in the hundred and twenty years of its existence;
- notes on the nature and activities of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the ICRC and the League;
- a table showing the principal recognized protective signs.

The Handbook will be very useful to all readers interested in the Red Cross and humanitarian principles and laws.

¹ *Manuel de la Croix-Rouge internationale*, février 1983. 768 pages.

² *International Red Cross Handbook*, Geneva, July 1983. 744 pages. Both *Manuel* and *Handbook* are available from the ICRC, the League or the Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva.