

Russian Federation signs headquarters agreement with ICRC

On 24 June 1992 the government of the Russian Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross signed a headquarters agreement in Moscow.

Following this agreement the ICRC will open a delegation in the Russian capital to carry out its traditional activities in the country, notably work to spread knowledge of international humanitarian law.

There are already several ICRC delegations in the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union, in the towns of Baku (Azerbaijan), Yerevan (Armenia) and Tbilisi (Georgia). Following recent events, the ICRC is also present in Vladikavkaz (Ossetia) and Chisinau (Moldova). In addition, a team of delegates has just completed a series of missions to the Central Asian republics.

A headquarters agreement establishes the general framework of the ICRC's relations with the authorities of a country, so that it can work there in accordance with its mandate. The Russian Federation is the 43rd country to sign a headquarters agreement with the ICRC.

Declaration by the Republic of Seychelles

On 22 May 1992 the Republic of Seychelles made the following declaration regarding its recognition of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission:

“In accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2(a), of Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, the Republic of Seychelles declares that it recognizes *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting