

## **Recognition of the Dominica Red Cross Society**

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition of the Dominica Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross. This recognition, which took effect on 15 March 1989, brings to 148 the number of National Societies members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The new Society applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 13 December 1988. In support of its application it forwarded various documents, including a report on its activities, the text of its Statutes and a copy of governmental decree No. 5/83 adopted by the House of Assembly on 7 March 1983, signed by the President of the Commonwealth of Dominica on 25 March 1983 and published in the Official Gazette on 7 April 1983. This attests that the Dominica Red Cross Society is recognized by the Government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities in accordance with the provisions of the First Geneva Convention of 1949.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, showed that the ten conditions for the recognition

of a new National Society by the International Committee had been fulfilled.

The International Committee and the League have observed very closely the activities of the Dominica Red Cross Society for several years. Representatives of the two institutions have ascertained that the Dominica Red Cross Society is set up in accordance with the fundamental principles of our Movement. It has formed seven local committees, one for each administrative district in the country, and is developing its activities in several spheres: first-aid training, disaster preparedness and community assistance, such as help for the aged and the needy. Much stress is also placed on youth activities.

The Commonwealth of Dominica became party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 by a declaration of succession received on 28 September 1981 by the Swiss Federal Council. This took effect retroactively on 3 November 1978, the date on which the Commonwealth of Dominica became independent.

The Dominica Red Cross Society is presided over by Dr. P.N. Griffin. Its Director General is Mrs. Celia Fadelle. Its headquarters is located in Roseau. The address is as follows: Dominica Red Cross — P.O. Box 59 — Roseau.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Dominica Red Cross Society to membership of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies, and in expressing sincere good wishes to the Society for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE RED CROSS

**Cornelio Sommaruga**  
*President*

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