

of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank, and between 1985 and 1988 was the Bank's President. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel. Mr. Languetin holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Lausanne.

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## **ICRC Director General announces departure**

Mr. Jacques Moreillon has informed the International Committee of the Red Cross of his intention to leave his present position as Director General on 31 October 1988 to take up the post of Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Jacques Moreillon holds a Master's degree in law and a Ph. D. in political science. He began his association with the ICRC in 1963 while writing a thesis on "The ICRC and political detainees". Since then, he has carried out over 200 missions in some 70 countries on behalf of the Institution. In particular, he served as a delegate in India and Vietnam; Head of Delegation in Syria (1967) and in Israel (1969-1970); Regional Delegate in South America; and Delegate General for Africa. Since 1975 he has held the posts of Director of the Principles and Law Department, Director for General Affairs and, finally, Director General.

The ICRC expresses its regrets about Mr. Moreillon's departure and has conveyed to him its profound gratitude for the devotion and talent with which he has served the cause of the Red Cross during the last 25 years. It is a cause that he will no doubt continue to serve; at least indirectly. "In choosing the scouts, I am abandoning nothing of my Red Cross ideal", J. Moreillon stated, "I will have dedicated 25 years of my life to trying to heal the wounds of conflict victims; perhaps by preparing the leaders of tomorrow, I will contribute to the eradication of those conflicts and the wounds they create".

In one of its forthcoming issues, the *Review* will be publishing Mr. Moreillon's personal thoughts inspired by 25 years of service at the ICRC.

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