A new Directorate for the ICRC

In view of the impending departure of Mr. Jacques Moreillon, Director General, the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the institution's highest-ranking body, decided at a meeting on 30 June 1988 on a new structure for the ICRC Directorate and made the necessary appointments.

The Directorate, which until now consisted of the Director General and the Director of Operations, is to be composed of six members from 1st September, each responsible for one of the following Departements:

Operations Department: Mr. André Pasquier

Operational Support Department: Mr. Michel Convers

Department of Principles and Law and Relations with the Movement: Mr. Yves Sandoz

Finance and Administration Department: Mr. Jacques Hertzschuch

Human Resources Department: Mr. Philippe Dind

Communications Department: Mr. Alain Modoux.

The members of the new ICRC Directorate have all been executives within the institution for several years, and their average age is 42. Furthermore, five of them began working for the ICRC as delegates in the field.

The new Directorate is responsible for management and administration in accordance with the decisions taken by the ICRC Assembly (which meets eight times a year), the Executive Council (which holds weekly meetings), and the President of the Institution, Mr. Cornelio Sommaruga.

The ICRC currently employs about 3,600 people, with mote than 80 percent of them working in the field among its 44 delegations. The total of the ICRC's various budgets for 1988 is around 500 million Swiss francs.