

Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

At its meeting on 19 and 20 April 1993, the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent elected a new Chairman in the person of Botho, Prince zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Hohenstein. Prince Botho succeeds Dr. Ahmad Abu-Goura, who chaired the Standing Commission for 12 years before stepping down last January for health reasons.

Prince Botho is the President of the German Red Cross and has been the Commission's Vice-Chairman since 1986. His successor to the vice-chairmanship is another Commission member, Mr. Byron Hove, President of the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society. In accordance with Article 17, para. 2, of the Movement's Statutes, the vacant place on the Commission was taken by Mrs. Véronique Ahouanmenou, President of the Red Cross of Benin.

The members of the Commission paid tribute to Dr. Abu-Goura for the spirit of harmony that prevailed over the Commission's work throughout his term in office.

The Commission also drew up the agenda for the next meeting of the Council of Delegates, due to be held in Birmingham on 29 and 30 October 1993, took note of the interim report of the working group on the future of the International Conference and selected the recipients of the Henry Dunant Medal and of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity.

ICRC recognizes two Red Cross Societies

The International Committee of the Red Cross has confirmed its recognition of the *Estonia Red Cross* — originally accorded in 1922 — and announced its recognition of the *Namibia Red Cross Society*.

These decisions, which took effect on 31 March 1993, bring to **155** the number of National Societies which are members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.