

## **Recognition of the Red Crescent Society of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen**

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you that on 30 August 1984 the International Committee of the Red Cross officially recognized the Red Crescent Society of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

The new Society officially applied for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 28 May 1984. Its request was supported by various documents, including a copy of its most recent report on its activities, the text of its Statutes and an authenticated copy of the ministerial decree of 21 February 1984 certifying that the Government had recognized the Red Crescent Society as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities and as the only Red Crescent Society of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

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

In recent years representatives of the International Committee and the League have paid several visits to the Red Crescent Society of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. They have observed that, since its creation in 1968, the Society has developed and that its operational capacity has reached a good level. Outside Aden the Society has extended its activities to the four governorates of Lahaj, Abin, Hadhramaut and Shabwah. It particularly concerns itself with the training of relief workers and the distribution of relief supplies in the event of natural disasters. It also collaborates with the Ministry of Health to supplement the potential of hospital facilities, and assists it in the fields of education,

hygiene and disease prevention. It is furthermore engaged in youth work and care for the disabled.

On 25 May 1977 the Swiss Federal Council received written notification of the accession by the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

The Red Crescent Society of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen is presided over by Dr. Abdallah Ahmed Bukair. Its headquarters is at Aden. The address is: The Yemen Red Crescent Society, P. O. Box 455, Aden, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

This, together with the simultaneous recognition of the Western Samoa Red Cross Society and the Barbados Red Cross Society, brings to 135 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

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

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
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