

Northern Ireland

During the last visit of its delegates to Northern Ireland in December, it was agreed that the International Committee of the Red Cross would arrange to make a further visit, and this took place with the full concurrence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Two delegates, on 24-25 May 1972, visited the Long Kesh internment centre, which is now the only establishment in Northern Ireland for internees and detainees. They freely carried out their task and conversed privately with internees and detainees of their own choosing. As is the normal practice, the ICRC report on this visit was sent direct to the Secretary of State.

IN GENEVA

Presidential Council

The International Committee has decided to complete the Presidential Council by appointing Mr. Roger Gallopin and Mr. Pierre Micheli to membership.

Participation in Geneva Conventions

In a letter dated 24 April 1972, which reached the Swiss Government on 10 May 1972, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates informed the Swiss Federal Council of that State's accession to the four 1949 Geneva Conventions.

This accession, which will become effective on 10 November 1972, brings the number of States Parties to those Conventions up to 133.