

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

**Recognition of the Lesotho
Red Cross Society**

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*To the Central Committee of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent
and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross has officially recognized the Lesotho Red Cross Society with effect from 7 September 1971.

The new Society formally applied for recognition by the International Committee on 11 March 1971. Its request was supported by various documents including a copy of its Statutes and of the Act of 9 November 1967, a report on its activities and a letter containing a statement of adherence to the Statutes of the International Red Cross, received on 7 September 1971.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, showed that the ten qualifying conditions for recognition of a new National Society had been fulfilled.

This recognition, which the International Committee is pleased to announce, brings to 115 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The Lesotho Red Cross, which was visited in 1968, 1970 and 1971 by representatives of the International Committee and of the League

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of Red Cross Societies, is active throughout the territory. It is concerned, in case of armed conflict, with assistance provided to military and civilian wounded and sick, and to prisoners of war. In peacetime, it goes to the aid of victims of natural disasters, alleviates suffering and takes part in health improvement schemes, including those adopted for the prevention of disease.

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 20 May 1968. The autonomous character of the Society is provided for in the Statutes and is guaranteed by the above-mentioned Act. The National Chairman of the Society is H.E. The Honourable Patrick Mota, Minister of Justice. Its headquarters is at Maseru.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Lesotho Red Cross 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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