

Recognition of the Malawi Red Cross Society

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*To the Central Committees 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 on 23 July 1970 officially recognized the Malawi Red Cross Society.

The new Society formally applied for recognition by the International Committee on 10 December 1969. Its request was supported by various documents including a copy of its Statutes and of the Act of 13 January 1967, and a letter containing, *inter alia*, a statement of adherence to the Statutes of the International Red Cross, received on 21 May 1970.

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 114 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The Malawi Red Cross, which was visited in 1968 and 1969 and on other occasions by representatives of the International

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Committee and of the League of Red Cross Societies, is active throughout the territory. It is concerned, *inter alia*, with instruction in first-aid, blood transfusion, assistance to the victims of natural disasters and the welfare of orphans.

The Government of the Republic of Malawi acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 5 January 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 Honorable A. A. Muwalo. Its headquarters are at Blantyre.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Malawi 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
OF THE RED CROSS

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