

Recognition of the Kenya 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 of the official recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross on November 3, 1966 of the Red Cross Society of Kenya.

The new Society, a former branch of the British Red Cross, applied for recognition by the ICRC on January 14, 1966. The application was accompanied by the Society's Constitution, a copy of the "Kenya Red Cross Society Act, 1965", an annual report for 1964-1965 and a financial statement.

The study of these documents, made jointly with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, has shown that the ten conditions for recognition of a new National Society have been duly fulfilled.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure therefore in announcing this recognition, which brings to 107 the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

The Kenya Red Cross, recognized as an auxiliary to the public authorities and as the sole National Society in the country, already possesses an effective organization. It numbers several Divisions which are all active in first-aid, home care (health, hygiene, etc.) and infant care. This last aspect of the work of the Kenya Red Cross

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is designed mostly for the inhabitants of villages who only have a rudimentary knowledge of the treatment required.

The Government of Kenya acceded on September 20, 1966 to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The National Society is controlled by a Council composed of not more than 40 members, whose President is Mr. Charles Rubia, Mayor of Nairobi. Between the Council's session the Society's activities are directed by an Executive Committee whose Chairman is Mr. Robert Ridley, whilst Mrs. Rachel J. Mzera is the Directress. The headquarters of the Society are at Nairobi. The Honourable Jomo Kenyatta, President of Kenya, has accepted to be Patron of the new National Society.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has great pleasure in welcoming this new Society into the International Red Cross, accrediting it by this notice to all other National Societies and recommending it to their kind attention. It expresses its best wishes for the Society's future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS :

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