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The International Committee of the Red Cross has decided that the *International Review of the Red Cross* will appear in a single bilingual (English/French) edition from the beginning of 1999. Articles will be published in the language in which they are submitted, together with a summary in the other language. However, official texts and articles of documentary importance will continue to appear in both English and French.

The Spanish, Arabic and Russian-language editions will be replaced by a yearly selection, in those languages, of the best articles published in the *Review* during each year. It is also planned to publish selected texts in other languages.

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We regret any inconvenience this decision may cause, especially for readers who currently receive the Spanish, Arabic or Russian-language editions. Sadly, the workload and yearly cost of translating into four languages some 800 pages of sometimes highly complex material is placing too great a strain on our resources. By publishing once a year a selection of the best articles we nevertheless hope to ensure that the *Review* will continue to reach readers all over the world.

Further innovations will be introduced with a view to strengthening the *Review's* role as a forum for comment on all topics relating to humanitarian policy, law and activities. The editors trust that in its new form the *Review* will continue to stimulate the interest of its readers in the humanitarian issues which concern us all.

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