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## Recognition of the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society

Geneva, 22 December 2017

To the Central Committees of  
National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of informing you that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has formally recognized the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society. The decision, which was taken and came into effect on 20 December 2017, brings to 191 the number of National Societies that are components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (Movement).

The Marshall Islands Red Cross Society applied for recognition on 29 March 2017. In support of its application, it submitted a range of documents to the ICRC, including

- a copy of the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society (Incorporation and Recognition) Act, 2013, which sets forth the commitment of the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society to abide by the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, and establishes the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society as an independent, voluntary aid organization that is auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field. The Act also states that the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society is the only National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society working in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- the text of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society, adopted on 24 June 2017.
- an activity report (*Profile*) covering the years 2015–2017 and a Strategic Plan (2017–2022).

Representatives of the ICRC and of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies carried out an assessment mission to the Marshall Islands from 14 to 23 September 2017 and ascertained that the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society had a structure enabling it to carry out its humanitarian activities throughout the national territory, particularly in the fields of first-aid and CPR training, health awareness, blood donation campaigning, disaster preparedness and response, climate-change adaptation, and youth engagement.


On the basis of the various documents submitted by the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society in support of its application, and of the observations made during the joint assessment mission, the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes concluded that the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society satisfies the ten conditions for recognition as set out in Article 4 of the Statutes of the Movement, and recommended that the ICRC recognize the Society.

The National Society is presided over by Dr Alexander Piñano. Its headquarters are located at:

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P.O. Box 2014  
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Republic of the Marshall Islands

The ICRC is pleased to welcome the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society as a component of the Movement. It hereby accredits the Society, commends it to all other National Societies and wishes it every success in pursuing and developing its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE RED CROSS

  
**Peter Maurer**  
President