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## Recognition of the Tuvalu Red Cross Society

Geneva, 19 November 2015

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the honour of informing you that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has formally recognized the Tuvalu Red Cross Society. The decision took effect on 18 November 2015, bringing to 190 the number of National Societies that are components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Tuvalu Red Cross Society applied for recognition on 9 July 2015. In support of its application, it submitted a series of documents to the ICRC: among them, the Tuvalu Red Cross Society and Geneva Conventions Act of 2013, the Tuvalu Red Cross Society's Constitution of 2010, and annual reports on the National Society's activities in 2013 and 2014.

The Tuvalu Red Cross Society and Geneva Conventions Act of 2013 recognizes the Tuvalu Red Cross Society as a voluntary aid society that is auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field, and as the only National Society in Tuvalu. It also commits the Tuvalu Red Cross Society to acting in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The documents submitted were examined by the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes. They showed that the ten conditions for recognition of a new National Society by the ICRC had been fulfilled.

On 19 February 1981, Tuvalu deposited a declaration of succession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 with the Swiss Federal Council. Tuvalu has been a party to the said Conventions since 1 October 1978, the date of its accession to independence.

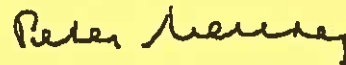
Representatives of the ICRC and of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies visited the National Society and ascertained that it had a structure enabling it to engage, throughout the national territory, in the following spheres of activity: first-aid training, health care and health awareness, disaster response and climate-change adaptation, and youth activities.

The Tuvalu Red Cross Society is presided over by Mr Tafue Lusama. Its headquarters are in Funafuti and its address is as follows:

Tuvalu Red Cross Society  
PO Box 14  
Funafuti  
Tuvalu

The ICRC is pleased to welcome the Tuvalu 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 activities.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE RED CROSS



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