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CONVOCAATION

To the Members of the 29th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
Geneva, Switzerland, 20-21 June 2006

The Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent has determined the place and date of the 29th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. It will be held in Geneva on 20-21 June 2006. The International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will co-host this International Conference and look forward to welcoming you

in Geneva
on Tuesday 20 June 2006
at 10.00 a.m.
at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG)
Rue de Varembe, 15 – 1211 Geneva 20

The Standing Commission took this decision in view of exceptional circumstances in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Statutes of the Movement and in furtherance of recommendations made by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The purpose of this 29th International Conference will be:

- 1) to consider and adopt amendments to the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement consequent upon the adoption on 8 December 2005 of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III);
- 2) to consider and decide upon the proposed name of "red crystal" for the distinctive emblem of Protocol III; and
- 3) to create a framework for the recognition and admission of the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

In view of the exceptional circumstances which motivated the convening of this International Conference, the Standing Commission is of the view that regular business, including the election of members of the Standing Commission, should be deferred to the 30th Conference which will take place in 2007 as decided by the 28th International Conference.

The International Conference will be preceded by meetings of the General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement on 19 June 2006.

This is the convocation for the members of the Conference which, pursuant to Article 9 of the Statutes of the Movement, are:

- ❖ duly recognised National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- ❖ the International Committee of the Red Cross;
- ❖ the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- ❖ the States Parties to the Geneva Conventions.

In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Movement, this convocation is also being sent to observers of the Conference.

Attached, in accordance with Article 20 of the Statutes of the Movement, you will find:

- ❖ the draft provisional agenda of the Conference;
- ❖ the text of the proposed amendments to the Statutes of the Movement (as well as the complete text of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure currently in force);
- ❖ the comments on the proposed amendments, submitted in accordance with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure of the Movement, by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;

Also attached is

- ❖ Resolution 3 adopted by the 28th International Conference (2003).

Protocol III, official documents and other information, including registration forms, will be provided at a later stage.

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Should you have any comments or questions on preparations for the
29th International Conference, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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