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Recognition of the Bhutan Red Cross Society

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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 Bhutan Red Cross Society. The decision was taken by its Assembly and adopted on 28 November 2019. This brings to 192 the number of National Societies that are components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement).

The Bhutan Red Cross Society applied for recognition on 25 July 2019. In support of its application, it submitted a range of documents to the ICRC, including:

- a copy of the Bhutan Red Cross Society Act 2016, which establishes the Bhutan Red Cross Society as a voluntary aid society that is auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field. The Act sets forth the Bhutan Red Cross Society's commitment to respect the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, to be guided by the principles of international humanitarian law and to adhere to the Statutes of the Movement. The Act also states that there is no other National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society working in the Kingdom of Bhutan.
- the text of the Statutes of the Bhutan Red Cross Society, as adopted by the National Society's first General Assembly held on 6 May 2019.
- a two-year progress report covering the years 2017–2018.
- the Bhutan Red Cross Society's strategic plan covering the years 2018–2020.

Representatives of the ICRC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies carried out an assessment mission to the Kingdom of Bhutan from 1 to 10 October 2019 and ascertained that the Bhutan Red Cross Society has a structure and a volunteer base enabling it to carry out its humanitarian activities throughout the national territory, particularly in the fields of disaster preparedness and disaster management, health services, first-aid training and blood collection.

On the basis of the various documents submitted by the Bhutan Red Cross Society in support of its application and of the findings made during the joint assessment mission, the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes concluded that the Bhutan 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.

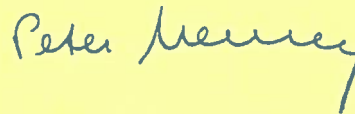
The Bhutan Red Cross Society is presided over by Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen, Queen of Bhutan. The chair of the National Society is Mr Tashi and its secretary-general is Mr Dragyel Tenzin Dorjee.

The National Society's headquarters are located at:

Bhutan Red Cross Society
Deki Lam
Changangkha, Thimphu
Kingdom of Bhutan

The ICRC is pleased to welcome the Bhutan 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
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