

RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 26 July 1986,

Recalling that the mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross is to protect and assist the victims of armed conflicts, on the basis of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their 1977 Additional Protocols,

Paying tribute to the principles which are the basis of its work and of the entire Red Cross Movement, especially humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence and universality,

Recalling the desire expressed by the Heads of State and Government of Africa to promote throughout the world and, in Southern Africa in particular, the respect of the rules of International Humanitarian Law and the universally recognized humanitarian principles,

Stressing the ICRC's particularly great efforts in recent years to assist Africa which make this continent the main beneficiary of ICRC operations,

Considering that the work of the ICRC deserves the widest and most voluntary contributions by governments:

1. EXPRESSES ONCE AGAIN ITS GRATITUDE to and its SUPPORT for the ICRC in the humanitarian work it is accomplishing in the world;
2. INVITES Member States to help the ICRC in its work, by granting it all the facilities necessary to carry out its mandate as laid down in the Geneva Convention;

3. **INVITES Member States to support the activities of the ICRC to the fullest extent they can and by annual financial contributions;**
4. **INVITES Member States, in co-operation with their National Societies, to support efforts to make public opinion more familiar with all the activities of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;**
5. **APPEALS to Member States to ratify, if they have not already done so, or accede to the two Protocols additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.**