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### THIRTY YEARS AT THE SERVICE OF THE MOVEMENT

Thirty years ago, on 5th November 1965, the founders of the Henry Dunant Institute signed its Statutes and provided the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement with a research and training centre, established as an association of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (then the League) and the Swiss Red Cross.

The field of activity of the Institute was defined very broadly:

«Mindful of the respective competence of each of the three member institutions, the objective of the Institute shall be to make available to the member institutions ways and means of carrying out studies, research, training and instruction in all branches of Red Cross activities and thus to contribute to the strengthening of Red Cross unity and universality. The Henry Dunant Institute shall contribute by its work to the development of the Red Cross in the world.» (Article 3 of the Statutes).

With this aim in mind, thirty years ago began, the activity of the Institute. The beginning was modest, as were its means. It is not surprising that at the very start the emphasis was put on, an «institutional memory»: several studies on the origin, history and action of the Movement, publication of Henry Dunant's works, creation of the Henry Dunant and Red Cross museum. However, the Institute never forgot contemporary reality. One of its first seminars was on the Modern World and the Red Cross (1968), discussing the situation of the Red Cross in relation to current demands.

These modest beginnings were followed by an extensive programme of international humanitarian law: consultations and advice to researchers; encouragement of students; creation of research tools and publications, such as collections of treaties, bibliographies, indexes to the international treaties, and attractive teaching materials; undertaking studies; and providing assistance to external fellows finishing their theses or diploma works. In the 1970s and 1980s the Institute developed an important network of dissemination: through the regional seminars in Africa, Latin America and Europe for government representatives, diplomats, military officers, journalists, staff and volunteers of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, university teachers and students. The seminars organised in Yaoundé between 1977 and 1992, for example, were attended by more than five hundred officials from all African States. For many years, seminars on international humanitarian law were also organised in collaboration with René Cassin's International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The training at the Henry Dunant Institute concentrated on annual courses for the leaders, new staff members and volunteers of National Societies. Twenty courses have now been organised and they constitute undoubtedly one of the most important steps undertaken by the Institute. Training was also organised for various groups from outside the Movement: diplomats in post in Geneva, journalists, military doctors and students from law schools and political science departments.

The main goal of the development studies programme initiated in 1986 was to contribute to the evolution of National Societies in order that they might become more effective, independent and self-reliant in their action. Reports and working papers were frequently used as teaching material during the training courses. More substantial publications concerning the organisational development, improved relief/development assistance, international aid, refugees, community development, financial management and volunteers management were also published by the Institute.

The Institute closely collaborated with the Commission of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Peace and has undertaken studies recommended by the Commission, in particular the study on Minorities, Prevention of Conflicts and the Role of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. This study includes several recommendations, such as the preparation of a short guide for the use of the executive members, organisation of training seminars on interactive education and the training of moderators, collecting the relevant documents, centralising of information and providing support in the form of case studies.

In the field of human rights, the Institute completed at the request of the Swiss authorities a study on the protection of political detainees. Later it organised a series of seminars for the heads of penitentiary administrations in Africa, Latin America and Europe with the participation of inter-governmental and non governmental organisations. Recently at the request of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Institute published a study on the activities of the National Societies in prisons. Several other studies related to the elimination of violence, to the settlement of conflicts and the prohibition of the use of force and also to health and medical problems. A few years ago, the Institute published an important bibliography on the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

During recent years, the activity of the Institute has concentrated on the issues of children and family reunification. At the request of the Council of Delegates, the Institute presented to the last session of the Council the study on Child Soldiers, which was published by Oxford University Press and will soon be published in French and Spanish. At the request of the ICRC and the Federation, the Institute is also presenting the Plan of Action on Children in War. In 1994 the Institute organised a symposium on Family reunification<sup>1</sup> which adopted a resolution and recommendations addressed to the components of the Movement, but also to governments and international organisations.

The publications of the Henry Dunant Institute are a logical follow-up to its research and training activities. The updated list of publications of the Institute is available on request<sup>2</sup>.

What is mentioned above shows that the Institute's activities have always been directed to the issues which are most important to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The Institute must show its capacity to respond in the best way to the requirements of the Movement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Family Reunification. Report of the Symposium of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies,

Budapest, 23-26 November 1994. Geneva, Henry Dunant Institute, 1995, 35 p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Henry Dunant Institute, Catalogue of publications, Geneva, 1995.

THE STATUTORY BODIES OF THE HENRY DUNANT INSTITUTE ARE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS (AS AT 1ST AUGUST 1995):

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# 1993 - 1995 ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Institute regularly presents the report on its activities to the Council of Delegates. The last report, submitted to the Council of Delegates in Birmingham in October 1993, covers the period 1991-1993. We are pleased to submit this report on the Institute's most recent activities, covering the period 1993 - 1995.

The Institute's activities can be divided into two main fields:

- I. General and permanent activities in research, training, consultations and documentation, constantly developing but not subject to substantial changes.
- II. Project realisation, initiated by the Institute or mandated by member institutions and other organisations, approved by the Executive Board.

### I. GENERAL AND PERMANENT ACTIVITIES

1. CONTACTS WITH MEMBER INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND PARTICULARLY WITH RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRES WITHIN THE MOVEMENT

Since its creation in 1965, the Henry Dunant Institute has carried out research often followed by publications and training courses of interest to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In order to respond specifically to the Movement's needs, the Institute has always been in close contact with its member institutions and is able to provide consultation and information, offer briefings to future delegates wishing to have a better knowledge of the activities undertaken by the Institute, provide comments and recommendations on other projects and give its assistance in preparing manuscripts or documents.

Over the years, numerous National Societies have developed a great interest in the work of the Institute and have actively participated in the projects undertaken in the Institute, often providing recommendations, practical expertise, intellectual as well as financial support. Furthermore, the annual introductory course on the international activities of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement gives an additional opportunity to develop relationships between the Institute and National Societies.

The Institute has always welcomed the visits of National Societies and groups, which are informed of the ongoing activities and are requested to offer suggestions and advice on future projects corresponding to the needs of the Movement. In addition, the Institute organises discussions on various topics and is frequently requested to provide information for research work.

In recent discussions, the Executive Committee and the General Assembly of the Henry Dunant Institute suggested that a close co-operation with existing research and training centres within the Movement should be established by the Institute. Information was collected during the 1993 - 1994 period and as a result, a Directory of Training and Research Centres within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement was published early in 1994. One of the aims of such a collection of information is to develop close and permanent exchanges of programmes and, in the future, to organise meetings to undertake joint projects.

### 2. CONTACTS WITH INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT

To better serve the Movement, the Institute has established contacts with external organisations. It was always an ambition of the Institute to create a «bridge» between the Movement and the academic world. If, on the one side, the National Societies can benefit from the studies and training opportunities in universities and other research centres, those benefit also from the advice, proposals, orientation and practical experience of the National Societies and other components of the Movement. There is a permanent effort to maintain and reinforce relations with academic institutions concerned with humanitarian issues, such as law schools and departments of political science and international relations. During the 1993-1994 period, the Institute had contacts on a regular basis with many different organisations: Council of Europe, International Human Rights Services (Geneva); International Institute of Humanitarian Law (San Remo); International Institute of Human Rights Group (London); UNESCO; UNICEF; UNITAR; as well as with human rights institutions in Finland, Norway, France and Russia.

Moreover, the Institute hosts many scholars from different centres and universities. In 1993 and 1994 representatives of the following institutions came to the Institute: Harvard School of Law; Fondation pour la Vie (Switzerland); Institut for Vergleichende Entwicklungspolitik; Oxford University; San José University (CA); Syracuse University; Russian Academy of Sciences; University of Virginia School of Law, International Law Association; Institute of Human Rights, Finland; Philosophical Faculty of Charles University, Prague; Law School, Masaryk University, Brno; Norwegian Institute of Human Rights; Association of Pharmaceutical Industries; Minister of Education of the CSFR; African Commission of Human Rights; School of Law of Byelorussia; University of Annaba (Algeria); World Council of Churches; Graduate Student Group in Primary Health Care, University of London/Institute of Education, etc.

### 3. INTERNS AND FELLOWS

For nearly a decade the Institute has welcomed students, interns and researchers from National Societies and other institutions as well as from universities. The fellows are mainly committed to humanitarian issues and their logistical support represents a major contribution, enabling the Institute to produce numerous background materials for forthcoming studies. Moreover, we hope that their involvement within an international setting will promote the dissemination of the Fundamental Principles, humanitarian philosophy, humanitarian law and other humanitarian ideals. Having students participating actively in the work of the Institute often takes the form of volunteers training and, in this connection, may serve as an important means for disseminating the Movement's fundamental principles towards the worldwide youth.

### 4. CONSULTATIONS

It has always been one of the main tasks of the Institute to promote studies and research in humanitarian issues and, National Societies and other institutions frequently request related information from the Institute. This «advisory service» recommends not only subjects for such studies but also subjects of particular interest to the Movement. The Institute is also often requested to assist students in their research work and may welcome them for short periods of study. This academic exchange widely promotes the Institute's participation - as far as possible - in seminars and meetings.

### 5. PROMOTION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT PUBLICATIONS

One of the ambitions of the Institute is to reach a larger public within and outside the Movement. Therefore, in recent years the Institute has begun to take an active role in promoting its publications. To respond specifically to this goal, it has established a new publications list which is available on request.

Three major publications of the Institute, «Humanity for All», from Professor Hans Haug; «Child Soldiers» written by Professor G. S. Goodwin-Gill and Ilene Cohn; and «Health and Human Rights» from Dr. H. Zielinsky were strongly promoted and have drawn the attention of National Societies and other non-governmental organisations and of a wider public readership.

Other studies more relevant to the Movement were undertaken by the Institute to respond specifically to the needs of National Societies and were widely disseminated, among them: «Strengthening Financial Management»; «Community Based Development»; «Volunteer Management Workshop Report»; «Participatory Evaluation Guidelines»; «1994 Financial Management Guide», produced for small National Societies and for the Youth of the Movement : «Developing Training Modules: Comparative analysis of Red Cross/Red Crescent Youth Leadership»; as well as «Is the Youth Policy Working ? - Survey of the Dissemination and Implementation of the Youth Policy and Strategy».

The general collection of the Institute' relating to the history of the Movement, the fundamental principles, international humanitarian law, human rights and the peaceful settlement of disputes is, continuously promoted within and outside the Movement. These include publications of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as well as those from other publishers.

### 6. DOCUMENTATION CENTRE/LIBRARY

The Institute's Library was established in 1971. Nowadays it contains an impressive amount of documents, including more than 11,000 monographs and 100 periodicals of general interest for the whole Movement. This documentary base is not only available to the staff members, interns, research fellows and temporary staff of the Institute but also to all the other members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: members of the ICRC and the Federation, visitors from National Societies, researchers and other members from international organisations are always welcome to use our material and facilities. The reading room is open to the public and there are no charges for loans and consultation. In order to facilitate this service, a computerised system has been implemented and is connected to the ICRC and other libraries' loan services. The Institute's library is seen as an important resource for National Societies and other organisations for the history of the Red Cross and the development of the National Societies, international humanitarian law, human rights and penitentiary problems, as well as natural and technical disasters.

Every quarter, the Institute's library provides National Societies upon request with the list of materials available and copies of articles from periodicals, including the ICRC's serials. The success of this system is tremendous. Since 1990, the library has received several hundreds of requests from National Societies, international and national institutions, students and researchers. Moreover, several National Societies financially

support the maintenance of this service (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom).

### II. THE HENRY DUNANT INSTITUTE'S PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 1993-1995.

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The general and permanent activities of the Institute mentioned above are of fundamental importance for the credibility of the Institute and should be further developed in the future. These activities provide the services which National Societies and other components of the Movement expect from it.

Nevertheless, every institution is evaluated according to its products and we are glad to present to you the results of the work of the Institute during the past two years.

In order to keep this report short and to provide nevertheless the complete information, we are presenting, for the first time, the activities of the projects in tabular form. These tables indicate the name of each project,, brief and basic details of its nature, and finally the result which was accomplished during the period of 1993-1995. If you would like to know more about the projects and the results, we shall be glad to send you the Institute's annual reports for 1993 and 1994 or to provide you with other additional information.

We shall also welcome comments and remarks relating to the projects mentioned below, but we shall particularly appreciate your proposals and suggestions for future activities. The Institute was created by its founding members with the purpose of serving the whole International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and it is therefore fundamental that we keep close contacts with all its components in order to respond in the best way to their needs.

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RESULTS
18th Annual Course - Introduction to the International Activities of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent 19th Annual Course 20th Annual Course	Societies' leaders, volunteers, and staff members to provide basic knowledge and information on the nature, role, structure and	The Course was held from April 26, 1993 to May 7, 1993 in Spanish. From May 23, to June 3,1994 in French. From June 5, to June 16, 1995, in English.
Humanity for All : The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement	Movement. This publication supplies a well	German publication: <i>Menschlichkeit für alle</i> , Bern, Genf, IHD, Verlag Paul Haupt,1991,696 p. French Publication : <i>Humanité pour tous</i> , Berne, Genève, IHD,Verlag Paul Haupt, 1992, 690 p. English publication : HDI, Haupt,1993, 682 p.
The Role of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Preventing Problems that involve Minorities	during the 1991 Council of Delegates, by the Commission of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and	
<i>Participatory Evaluation Guidelines,</i> by Margaret Kaseje	The need for appropriate methods of Participatory Evaluation has been recognised throughout the Movement. This publication offers an approach that involves all participants in a co-operative venture to assess their own projects, programmes, results and leadership.	English publication : Geneva, HDI, 1993, 47 p. French publication : Genève, IHD, 1995, 49 p.
Directory of Research and Training Centres within the Movement		Publication in English: <i>Directory of Research and Training Centres within the Movement,</i> Geneva, HDI, 1994, 45 p.

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Voluntary Service - Current Status Report - Volunteer Management Cycle by Mary Harder Volunteer Management Workshop, Final Report, A Workshop for Red Cross & Red Crescent National Societies		French publication : Genève, IHD, 1994, 74 p. Spanish publication : Ginebra, IHD, 1993, 68 p. Training workshop : organised in Paris from April 23 - 30, 1994 in English (Report available on
Health and Humanitarian Concerns Principles and Ethics by Henryk L. Zielinski	This book explores health issues that raise humanitarian concerns, providing examples and suggestions based on ethics, international human rights conventions and the seven Fundamental Principles. Foreword by Dr. J. Mann of the Harvard Health & Human Rights Center.	
The Laws of Armed Conflicts : Collection of Conventions, Resolutions and other documents (Schindler/Toman)	This collection was published in 1973 by the Henry Dunant Institute. It was followed by a second edition in 1981 and a third updated in 1988. The French version is in preparation.	French version : third proof to be published by the end of 1995 by ICRC and HDI.
Developing Training Modules : Comparative Analysis of Leadership Training by Muzammal Nawaz & Abebe Kinfu	Youth Directors from a variety of regions requested an assessment of existing Leadership training programmes and information on how to strengthen all Red Cross Youth Training Programmes by developing Training Modules.	
<i>Community Based Development</i> by M. Kaseje	illustrations, provides instructive guidelines on	English : Geneva, HDI, 1992, 87 p. Translations in French and Spanish were finalised in 1993 : <i>Développement Communautaire</i> , Genève, IHD, 100 p. <i>Desarollo Basado en la Comunidad</i> , Ginebra, IHD 93 p.

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Child Soldiers. The Role of Children in Armed Conflict by G. Goodwin-Gill & I. Cohn	makes recommendations on how to bring the practice of using children in war to an end. A summary of the study was published in	- Published in English by Oxford University Press
Vth Jean Pictet Humanitarian Law Competition Vlth "1994 Vllth 1995	Participants are required to find a solution to a practical case, and to present and defend their solution. Winners are invited to spend a week at the Institute. The objective is to promote interest in humanitarian law among students as well as in academic circles.	1990 : Montpellier 1991 : Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva 1992 : Brussels
	Since 1984, the Institute has organised seminars for postgraduate students from American Universities. The programme includes an introduction to international law, international humanitarian law, humanitarian institutions and organisations (ICRC, Federation, UNHCR, Human Rights Centre, etc.). A few students stay at the Institute for several weeks and help with specific research.	continued in June 1994 and June 1995
International Dimensions of Humanitarian Law (Spanish and Russian)	the UNESCO. It compiles studies on	French publication : 1986 by Pedone (Paris). English version : 1988 by M. Nijhoff (Dordrecht). Spanish version : 1993 by Technos (Madrid). Russian version: 1994 by the Institute for Humanity of the Russian Red Cross.

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Activities of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Prisons.	In response to the Federation's request, the Institute prepared an updated version of this document. It presents information on different kinds of activities and services for prisoners and their families provided by National Societies. It includes an extensive bibliography and several annexes.	French : 1995. Spanish : 1995-1996.
Youth Education Programme	This project started in July 1993; its aim was to promote humanitarian awareness and actions among young people. Materials and methods were tested at various workshops and seminars.	The Action Pack : <i>«Do you see what I see ?»</i> is the result of these training events.
Survey of the Federation's Youth Policy Dissemination	The Youth Commission has requested the Henry Dunant Institute to study the dissemination of the policy adopted in Budapest in 1991 and obtain information on how this knowledge has affected the situation of young people in National Societies.	Publication : Geneva, HDI, October 1994,
Family Reunification. Symposium of National Red Cross / Red Crescent Societies	experiences, and to study actual cases and situations showing how the Movement acts in order to protect, promote and facilitate family	Societies on Family Reunification, Budapest, 23-
	In November 1993, the General Conference of UNESCO agreed to hold a seminar on the protection of cultural property in armed conflicts. The conference will be jointly organised by the UNESCO and the ICRC in	

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	cooperation with the Henry Dunant Institute.	
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Children in War : Plan of Action 1996 -1999 on the Role of the National Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement	Delegates in Birmingham in 1993, the Henry Dunant Institute was requested to draw up a	The Plan of Action will be submitted to the Council of Delegates, Geneva, 1995.
Street Children	Street children are a specially vulnerable group whose needs and very existence are often ignored. This project intends to propose and elaborate a strategy of action for the Movement. During the consultation held in June 1995, several National Societies expressed their interest in this study. Thanks to the voluntary collaboration of a French lawyer, the Institute will have a bibliography available, including information on activities of other organisations in this field. The Institute is raising funds for the follow-up of this project.	available on request.

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