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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION

The International Organizations Division is the section of the Department of Operations that represents the ICRC in its contacts with international organizations — whether governmental or non-governmental — and keeps them informed about the institution's operations and policies. It also follows the work of the international organizations in areas of interest to the ICRC.

The Division's main task in early 1991 was to monitor, through its delegation in New York, which represents the ICRC as an observer in the United Nations General Assembly, the implications in humanitarian terms of the Gulf war. In particular, it followed the deliberations of the Security Council and maintained contact with the Council's Sanctions Committee.

In January, the ICRC and New York University jointly organized the ninth seminar on international humanitarian law for diplomats accredited to the United Nations.

In Geneva, the Division followed the proceedings of the UN Commission on Human Rights (February-March), the World Health Assembly, and the UN Economic and Social Council. It also maintained regular contact with the Council of Europe and with leaders of the various parliamentary groups within the European Parliament. As in previous years, the Division took part in a large number of international meetings including, by special

invitation, the Organization of African Unity's Council of Ministers in Nigeria, the Non-Aligned Movement's Ministerial Conference in Ghana and several seminars on humanitarian law.

Later in the year, the Division concentrated its attention on the UN General Assembly in New York, where it closely followed a number of items on the agenda, expressing the ICRC's views on the United Nations Decade of International Law, protection of the environment during armed conflicts, the ICRC's work in relation to conventional weapons and new weapons technologies and, finally, the important question of the coordination of humanitarian activities. On the last point the ICRC stressed its readiness to cooperate with other humanitarian organizations to the extent permitted by the mandates conferred upon it by the international community in the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

The Division also followed the proceedings of the Executive Committees of both the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration. Finally, it was represented by ICRC regional delegates at the meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Santiago, Chile, and at the sixth summit of Heads of State of the Islamic Conference Organization in Dakar, Senegal.

RELIEF SUPPLIES DISPATCHED BY THE ICRC AND INVENTORIED IN THE FIELD IN 1991
(Geographical distribution by recipient country)

COUNTRY (in French alphabetical order)	CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND			ICRC PURCHASES			TOTAL			TOTAL (Sw. fr.)
	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Tonnes)	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Tonnes)	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Sw. fr.)	RELIEF (Tonnes)	
AFRICA	644,660	47,417,879	44,674	6,842,365	38,299,051	44,038	7,487,925	85,716,930	88,712	93,203,955
South Africa		426,271	197		1,220,823	443		1,647,094	640	1,647,094
Angola	5,150	4,242,161	815	137,684	3,595,961	1,514	142,834	7,838,122	2,329	7,980,956
Angola (south-east)				50,895	70,653	14	50,895	70,653	14	121,548
Benin					31,639	9		31,639	9	31,639
Burundi				8,953	23,034	4		23,034	4	31,987
Cameroon				4,822				4,822		4,822
Côte d'Ivoire				5,252				5,252		5,252
Djibouti				10,509				10,509		10,509
Ethiopia	535,486	31,755,740	31,121	1,686,930	6,109,041	5,821	2,222,416	37,864,781	36,942	40,087,197
Ethiopia (Eritrea, via Sudan)	40,585			39,875			80,460			80,460
Gambia	736			6,754	9,113	4	7,490	9,113	4	16,603
Guinea (Conakry)				6,535			6,535			6,535
Liberia	5,700	1,820,519	2,126	698,688	764,500	370	704,388	2,585,019	2,496	3,289,407
Madagascar				7,430			7,430			7,430
Mali				48,116	52,479	116	48,116	52,479	116	100,595
Mozambique	36,720	1,705,197	348	653,901	1,116,548	639	690,621	2,821,745	987	3,512,366
Namibia		488			12,131	8		12,619	8	12,619
Uganda		206,867	26	8,810	986,660	969	8,810	1,193,527	995	1,202,337
Rwanda	8,550	90,119	26	31,997	3,327,503	5,646	40,547	3,417,622	5,672	3,458,169
Senegal					116,760	225		116,760	225	116,760
Sierra Leone				4,186			4,186			4,186
Somalia	10,163	5,513,866	9,110	2,191,157	15,321,691	21,413	2,201,320	20,835,557	30,523	23,036,877
Sudan	570	172,606	22	256,504	2,006,884	935	257,074	2,179,490	957	2,436,564
Sudan (conflict in southern Sudan, via Kenya)		1,328,234	801	767,639	3,386,365	5,836	767,639	4,714,599	6,637	5,482,238
Chad				81,439	1,186		81,439	1,186		82,625
Togo	1,000			19,254	22,075	6	20,254	22,075	6	42,329
Zaire		80,840	78	95,202	41,121	35	95,202	121,961	113	217,163
Zambia					49,284	18		49,284	18	49,284
Zimbabwe		74,971	4	19,833	33,600	13	19,833	108,571	17	128,404
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	7,150	661,182	147	733,466	182,902	85	740,616	844,084	232	1,584,700
Chile		218,558	80	2,533	74,679	20	2,533	293,237	100	295,770
Colombia				71,187	7,823	1	71,187	7,823	1	79,010
El Salvador				270,873	24,260	12	270,873	24,260	12	295,133
Guatemala				2,527			2,527			2,527
Haiti	7,150			38,125			45,275			45,275
Honduras					3,982	1		3,982	1	3,982
Nicaragua				97,110	1,596	2	97,110	1,596	2	98,706
Peru		442,624	67	251,111	70,562	49	251,111	513,186	116	764,297
ASIA	298,539			5,017,885	2,102,917	996	5,316,424	2,102,917	996	7,419,341
Afghanistan	169,059			1,292,351	673,725	222	1,461,410	673,725	222	2,135,135
Cambodia	97,440			1,911,887	12,142	12	2,009,327	12,142	12	2,021,469
Indonesia				19,041	19,574	3	19,041	19,574	3	38,615
Myanmar				28,272			28,272			28,272
Pakistan (conflict in Afghanistan)				904,133	277,737	212	904,133	277,737	212	1,181,870
Philippines					52,816	35		52,816	35	52,816
Sri Lanka	32,040			239,292	1,047,247	508	271,332	1,047,247	508	1,318,579
Thailand (conflict in Cambodia)				591,504	19,676	4	591,504	19,676	4	611,180
Viet Nam				31,405			31,405			31,405
EUROPE	1,160,041	8,854,089	2,331	638,586	6,136,673	2,969	1,798,627	14,990,762	5,300	16,789,389
Albania				44,257			44,257			44,257
Romania				35,885			35,885			35,885
Yugoslavia	1,160,041	8,854,089	2,331	558,444	6,136,673	2,969	1,718,485	14,990,762	5,300	16,709,247
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	17,856,915	69,853,531	23,532	10,885,626	22,800,287	13,334	28,742,541	92,653,818	36,866	121,396,359
Algeria				32,230			32,230			32,230
Iraq	12,368,341	32,992,369	18,349	8,419,157	10,352,971	8,172	20,787,498	43,345,340	26,521	64,132,838
Iran	5,358,469	32,409,319	3,569	244,588	9,071,894	3,853	5,603,057	41,481,213	7,422	47,084,270
Israel and the occupied territories		135,559	12	1,087,994	1,452,714	304	1,087,994	1,588,273	316	2,676,267
Jordan				25,523	193,638	185	25,523	193,638	185	219,161
Kuwait	78,385	2,514,445	113	34,612			112,997	2,514,445	113	2,627,442
Lebanon	31,720	766,712	1,315	1,040,002	922,948	702	1,071,722	1,689,660	2,017	2,761,382
Mauritania				1,335	4,727	1	1,335	4,727	1	6,062
Syria	20,000	214,087	43	185			20,185	214,087	43	234,272
Yemen		254,667	34					254,667	34	254,667
"Gulf" emergency stock		566,373	97					1,367,768	214	1,367,768
TOTAL	19,967,305	126,786,681	70,684	24,117,928	69,521,830	61,422	44,085,233	196,308,511	132,106	240,393,744

**CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND RECEIVED AND PURCHASES MADE BY THE ICRC
AND INVENTORIED IN THE FIELD IN 1991**

Listed by donor

DONORS (in French alphabetical order)	Food (Tonnes)	Seed (Tonnes)	Blankets (No.)	Tents (No.)	Kitchen sets (No.)	Clothing (Tonnes)	Other relief supplies (Tonnes)	TOTAL RELIEF SUPPLIES (Sw. fr.)	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Sw. fr.)	OVERALL TOTAL (Sw. fr.)
NATIONAL SOCIETIES¹	8,266		1,366,591	16,688	35,103	800,5	1,233,7	69,594,796	18,314,993	87,909,789
Algeria	33						2,0	90,776	400,000	490,776
Germany	1,246		316,920	8,257	7,000	187,2	299,5	22,464,375	2,338,379	24,802,754
Austria	170		7,000	170	200	2,0	8,0	1,713,715		1,713,715
Belgium ⁴	45		25,450	200	4,400	8,3		1,144,200	48,552	1,192,752
Canada	23		7,968	11	1,860		2,1	548,567	836,827	1,385,394
CIS									20,000	20,000
China									87,228	87,228
Colombia									74,000	74,000
Denmark	582		16,013	966		49,1	140,9	4,185,553	414,700	4,600,253
Spain			6,000	350	500		4,0	625,630		625,630
United States of America			5,000	594	5,000		15,0	721,566	176,039	897,605
Finland ³	80		75,070	500		30,3	0,8	2,285,926	1,671,363	3,957,289
France	4		730			3,2	3,4	98,550		98,550
Indonesia	12		5,340				2,0	112,953	60,680	173,633
Ireland									3,360,000	3,360,000
India									634,180	634,180
Iceland ³			6,980				1,7	343,422		343,422
Italy	15							52,007	62,595	114,602
Japan							18,6	485,100	97,440	582,540
Luxembourg ⁴	29						10,5	150,817		150,817
Morocco	157		18,280				20,0	560,551	1,206,000	1,766,551
Norway ³	248		4,800	500			16,0	1,841,406	1,132,490	2,973,896
Netherlands	794		62,700	2,223	1,600	29,0	94,3	6,466,964	291,323	6,758,287
Poland			5,000	100				68,000		68,000
Portugal	120		15,000		600			370,839		370,839
United Kingdom ⁴	70		503,450	1,970	1,146	16,5	264,5	8,720,701	387,256	9,107,957
Sweden	111		192,000	799	6,215	335,4	184,6	10,333,811	1,978,290	12,312,101
Switzerland	275		63,090	22	6,580	120,5	132,1	4,331,009	1,557,050	5,888,059
Czech and Slovak Fed. Rep.	40		19,000	26		19,0	0,1	426,072		426,072
Yemen									100,000	100,000
Other National Societies ²	212		10,800		2		13,6	368,846	1,380,601	1,749,447
Taipei	4,000							1,083,440		1,083,440
GOVERNMENTS	11,549		93,128	3,478		13,6	258,4	38,520,013	1,568,352	40,088,365
Germany	7,275		23,000	2,543			208,8	14,473,977	103,164	14,577,141
United States of America	1,939		35,118	65		1,1	9,6	17,521,992		17,521,992
Finland			35,010			12,5	40,0	882,479		882,479
France	78							80,840		80,840
Morocco									1,465,188	1,465,188
United Kingdom	703							1,981,367		1,981,367
Switzerland	1,554			870				3,579,358		3,579,358
OTHER DONORS	44,665	5	11,670			46,6	39,2	18,671,872	83,960	18,755,832
EC	28,999							9,497,701		9,497,701
UN (WFP, UNHCR, etc.)	14,748						30,6	8,545,998		8,545,998
Others	918	5	11,670			46,6	8,6	628,173	83,960	712,133
TOTAL DONATIONS	64,480	5	1,471,389	20,166	35,103	860,7	1,531,3	126,786,681	19,967,305	146,753,986
ICRC PURCHASES (non-earmarked)	4,842	266	234,691	2,871	18,505	161,0	2,630,6	14,970,055	24,117,928	39,087,983
ICRC PURCHASES (Earmarked)	47,748	1,775	515,750	5,169	7,930	118,6	1,651,3	54,551,775		54,551,775
TOTAL ICRC PURCHASES	52,590	2,041	750,441	8,040	26,435	279,6	4,281,9	69,521,830	24,117,928	93,639,758
TOTAL	117,070	2,046	2,221,830	28,206	61,538	1,140,3	5,813,2	196,308,511	44,085,233	240,393,744

¹ The bulk of the contributions of several National Societies was financed by their respective governments; for further details, see notes after the table of contributions in the financial section.

² Medical: joint contributions by several National Societies, and National Societies whose contributions were less than 20,000 Swiss francs.

Relief: Goods from local National Society stocks, whose original donor was not identified.

³ Including financial contribution to the "Nordic Camp Module" organized by the Danish Red Cross.

⁴ Including financial contribution to the "Benelux-UK Camp Module" organized by the Netherlands Red Cross.