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INTERNATIONAL ADVISERS

Since 1984, the ICRC has held two meetings a year with a dozen leading international figures selected for a four-year period to advise it on operational matters, on the application of international humanitarian law and on the ICRC's place within the international community.

In 1996, the fourth group of ICRC international advisers (appointed for the 1996-1999 period) met in March and September. Its discussions focused on relationships between humanitarian action and political action, particularly in the context of peace-keeping operations, on the relationship between humanitarian law and human rights, on the establishment of an international criminal court and its implications for the implementation of international humanitarian law, and on several operational situations, especially the humanitarian situation in the former Yugoslavia and in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Advisers for the period 1996-1999:

Ambassador Hussein Ahmad AMIN, Professor of Islamic Studies at the American University of Cairo.

Ambassador Vitaly IVANOVICH CHURKIN, Former Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, presently Ambassador to Brussels.

Prof. Dr. Günther GILLESSEN, Professor of Journalism at the University of Mainz. Former editor in charge of international affairs with the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

Ambassador Yoshio HATANO, Formerly Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and then in New York. At present, President, Foreign Press Center, Tokyo.

Judge Rosalyn HIGGINS, Judge at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Mrs Graça Simbine MACHEL, Chairperson, United Nations Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children.

Major-General (Ret.) John A. MacINNIS, Chief of the UN Demining Unit in New York.

Lic. Jorge MADRAZO, Chairman of the Mexican Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Pedro NIKKEN, President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica.

Ambassador Herbert S. OKUN, Special Adviser to the Co-Chairman (Mr. Cyrus Vance) of the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict. Executive Director, Financial Services Volunteer Corps.

Ambassador Mohamed SAHNOUN, Adviser, UNESCO Culture of Peace Programme.¹

Mr Bradman WEERAKOON, Presidential Adviser on International Relations (1989-1994).

¹ Joint United Nations/OAU special Representative for the Great Lakes region of Africa (as of January 1997).