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In 2000, the fifth group of international advisers met in March and August. Its discussions focused on the results of the 27th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the emblem issue, the risks presented by new types of conflict and various ways of dealing with them.

Advisers for the period 2000-2003:

Major-General (ret.) Dipankar Banerjee (India). Executive Director of the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, a South Asian think-tank based in Colombo. Held various operational and planning assignments as a combat officer of the Indian Army and conducted research on national and international security issues as Deputy Director of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi.

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Judge Richard J. Goldstone (South Africa). Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and Chairman of the Independent International Commission on Kosovo. From August 1994 to September 1996, served as the Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda. Heads the Board of the Human Rights Institute of South Africa and is Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

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Mr Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah (Mauritania). Executive Secretary of the Global Coalition for Africa since 1976. Held various senior positions at the United Nations in New York, including that of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Burundi (1984-96). Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Trade and Ambassador (1971-79). Director of mining companies (1969-71 and 1980).

Mr Anand Panyarachun (Thailand). Company Chairman. Prime Minister (1991-92). UNICEF Ambassador for Thailand (1996). Member of the Advisory Group of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Member of the Advisory Council of Transparency International.

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