

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announces the participation of Canada in the XXIIInd International Conference of the Red Cross which will be held in Tehran, Iran, November 8 to 15, 1973.

Born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, the Red Cross endeavours to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. The International Conference is the highest deliberating authority of the Red Cross. In principle, it is convened every four years and brings together the representatives of the States Parties to the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (1864, 1906, 1929 and 1949) as well as the delegates of the International Red Cross, i.e. those of the International Committee in Geneva, those of the League of National Societies and those of the National Societies themselves, including the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Although, as usual, all fields of activities of the Red Cross will be covered at Tehran (assistance to war victims, disaster relief, community and emergency services), international humanitarian law will be the main concern of the delegates. Two draft Additional Protocols to the 1949 Geneva conventions appear in this connection on the agenda of the Conference.

Together with the comments made at the Conference, the drafts will form the basis of the instrument which it is hoped to see adopted by the Diplomatic Conference which will convene in Geneva to this end in February 1974.

The Canadian governmental delegation to the XXIIInd International Red Cross Conference will be composed as follows:

Head of delegation:	Mr. M.H. Wershof Ambassador of Canada to Czechoslovakia
Deputy Head of delegation:	Mr. J. George Ambassador of Canada to Iran
Delegates:	Mr. D.M. Miller Department of External Affairs
	Colonel J.P. Wolfe Department of National Defence
	Mr. J.H. Richard Department of National Health and Welfare
	Mr. J. Samuels Western University, Ontario
	Mr. F.B.M. Smith Canadian International Development Agency
	Mr. J.O. Caron Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
	Mr. G.A. Weir Embassy of Canada at Tehran, Iran