## STANDING COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met in Geneva on 21 October 1974. It was presided over by Sir Geoffrey Newman-Morris (Australia) and attended by Mr. George Aitken (Canada), Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh (United Kingdom), Dr. Nadejda Troyan (USSR); two representatives of the International Committee, Mr. Eric Martin, President, and Mr. Roger Gallopin, President of the Executive Board; two League representatives, Mr. José Barroso, Chairman of the League Board of Governors, and Mr. E. Villanueva, Treasurer-General, and Mr. T.W. Sloper, technical adviser. The Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Mrs. F. Issael-Khoury (Lebanon) had sent her apologies for her inability to attend.

The Standing Commission gratefully accepted the Romanian Red Cross Society's offer to organize the twenty-third International Conference of the Red Cross in Bucharest during the second half of 1977.

The Commission then discussed possible improvements in the proceedings of International Conferences of the Red Cross. That subject will be studied further at the next meeting.

As usual, the Commission was informed of progress in various sectors, such as the reappraisal of the role of the Red Cross and the conference contemplated in 1975 on "The Red Cross and Peace".