



# ICRC

The President

Geneva, 29 December 2010

Dear Dr Rocca,

I thank you for sharing with me on 1 December 2010 the "Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Members and Employees of the Italian Red Cross" and wish to congratulate your Society for having adopted this significant document. It represents a useful tool to ensure the respect of the Fundamental Principles by all your Society's employees, members and volunteers. I fully support the initiative of issuing a Code of Conduct that reaffirms the rights and responsibilities of all members, volunteers and staff of the Italian Red Cross.

The adoption and integration of the Code of Conduct will represent an important step towards the fulfilment by the Italian Red Cross of its commitment to implement Action 3 of the Strategy for the Movement adopted at the Council of Delegates in 2005, which is to monitor and protect the integrity of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

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While encouraging you to proceed with the implementation of the Code of Conduct in its present form, I take this opportunity to share with you in the attachment some suggestions, which could further increase the quality of your Code of Conduct, should you consider a revision of this Code of Conduct in the future.

In this respect and with the same goal in mind, I would like to strongly encourage the Italian Red Cross to pursue the crucial task of revising its Statutes and related legal texts, in accordance with Resolution 3 of the 2009 Council of Delegates, "Revision of National Society Statutes". It is also in such revisions that points raised in the attachment can be integrated.

Let me take this opportunity to wish the Italian Red Cross success in the continuation of the important change process which your National Society is currently undertaking.

I remain at your disposal for any further guidance and assistance.

*Buone Feste !*

Yours sincerely,

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