

To the XXII Assembly of AzRCS

Dear Delegates of XXII General Assembly!

I want to greet and congratulate you with the starting of the AzRCS's next Assembly. Your today's Assembly coincides with the period of development of the democratic institutions in Azerbaijan. Our Government develops economically and offers all necessities to develop civil society. Our government does its best to strengthen its support to the non-governmental organizations acting in Azerbaijan until it gained its independence, especially to the AzRCS. The former president of Azerbaijan Republic, our national leader Heydar Aliyev issued a decree in 1994 about the government support and recognition of the AzRCS as a unit official organization implementing the mission of the RC/RC Movement. The direction ordered by the president of the Azerbaijan Republic on the 31st of January in 2004 about the "Increasing of the government care to the AzRCS" and the law passed in 2007 about the AzRCS are the real evidences of the government support to the AzRCS.

Until its formation AzRCS provided assistance to the people suffered from the wars and disasters, makes financial and psychological support to the underprivileged people. Your organization successfully continues its works in blood donation sphere, provides financial assistance to the treatment of the people suffering from different diseases.

Society's activities in the social and psychological assistance to the refugees and internally displaced people as the result of the Armenian aggression also in the rehabilitation of the captives and hostages are worth to note. Representation of your society in the International Federation of the RC/RC Federation, tight relations with the international organizations enables it to convey Azerbaijan realities to the world.

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I hope that AzRCS will continue its humanitarian mission and will play great role in the social development of our republic. I wish you successes long and healthy life in your benevolent work.

Ilham Aliyev
President of Azerbaijan Republic

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