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ICRC RELIEF FLIGHT FOR NAGORNO-KARABAKH

Geneva (ICRC) - An aircraft chartered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will be leaving Geneva on Saturday 7 March for Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. carrying 11 delegates and three tonnes of emergency medical supplies.

The ICRC's main concern is to get help as quickly as possible to the victims. both Azeri and Armenian. of the fighting in Nagorno-Kavabakh. An initial survey of humanitarian needs there was made at the beginning of March by ICRC delegates posted in Baku.

To ensure that all tuncerned are fully infermed about its relief operation the ICRC. a neutral and impartial institution. is in regular contact with the local authorities both in Baku and in Erevan, the capital of Armenia. where the staff of the ICRC's vecently-opened delegation is also being increased.

The International Commlttee of the Red Cross (ICRC), together with the League of the Red Cross Societies and the recognized National

Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. is one of the three components of the International Red Cross.

An independent humanitarian institution. the ICRC is the founding body of the Red Cross.

As a neutral intermediary in case of armed conflicts

or disturbances, it endeavours on its own initiative or on the basis of the Geneva Conven tions to protect and assist the victims of international

and civil wars and of internal troubles and tensions, thereby contributing to peace in th e world.