

TURKEY

CO-OPERATION WITH NATIONAL SOCIETY

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The Federation will maintain a Representative Office in Turkey, a country which is strategically positioned at the cross-roads between disaster-prone regions of Europe, Asia and the Arab Peninsula. The Turkish Government has now granted legal status to the Federation. Working relations with the BSEC (Black Sea Economic Co-operation Council) and concerned National Societies will be developed in order to further co-operation in coping with emerging natural and man-made disasters in the region.

During 1997 the Delegation completed its support to Caucasus operations (ongoing since 1993) and projects deriving from the Erzincan (1992) and Dinar (1995) earthquakes.

Technical assistance will focus on challenging national programmes such as blood transfusion services and community based first aid as well as strengthening the disaster preparedness capacity of the TRCS and National Societies of neighbouring Black Sea countries. Support to TRCS's institutional development will continue.

The Federation seeks to encourage TRCS to become an increasingly active Participating National Society. A joint Basic Delegate Training Course attended by National Society candidates of BSEC will be held, a process which TRCS is expected to support as a PNS.