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Paul Grossrieder was Director General of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), from 1996 to 2002. Before joining the ICRC in 1983 for a first mission in Iraq, he was a representative of the Dominican order from 1964 to 1983. During that time, in 1975, he was appointed expert in international relations at the Vatican and representative of the Holy See at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), a landmark multilateral forum established during the Cold War to ease East-West tensions and foster cooperation. Today, the forum exists under the name of Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).



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Paul Grossrieder, Director General of the ICRC from 1996 to 2002, is pictured on the right with his successor, Angelo Gnaedinger on the left.



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Paul Grossrieder and a delegation of the ICRC with Nelson Mandela on the left, during a visit to the World Council of Churches in Geneva in 1990.



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Paul Grossrieder was the delegate of the ICRC to Israel and Palestine during the first Intifada, which occurred from 1987 to 1993.

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