

Appendix C
The Geneva Emblem
and
Camouflage of Medical Facilities

This appendix implements STANAG 2931 OP, Edition 1.

NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 2931 OP covers procedures for using the Geneva emblem and camouflaging land medical facilities. This STANAG requires signatories to display the Geneva emblem (red cross) on medical facilities to help identify and protect the sick and wounded. STANAG 2931 OP defines *medical facilities* as medical units, medical vehicles, and medical aircraft on the ground. All signatories, however, are allowed to display the Geneva emblem according to their national regulations and procedures.

A tactical commander may order the camouflage of medical facilities, to include the Geneva emblem, when he judges that the failure to camouflage will endanger or compromise tactical operations. Such an order is considered temporary and must be rescinded as soon as the tactical situation permits. The camouflage of large, fixed medical facilities is not envisaged under the guidelines of STANAG 2931 OP.