

A CASE FOR HUMANITY



AND THE WORLD STOOD STILL





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**Helpless bystanders.** Time and again the ICRC sounded the alarm for Somalia, warning that the international community had to act quickly and on a scale rarely seen before, if a major human catastrophe was to be averted. But only when the images of skeletal Somali children hit the TV screen was the world finally shaken out of its apathy. Alas, for many it was too late.

Those of us fortunate enough to be living in nations at peace are often shielded from the suffering of the rest of the world. Wars, internal conflicts and political unrest are rife in dozens of countries. Families are torn apart; people are held captive for their beliefs; innocent men, women and children are killed or maimed; millions are starving to death as a direct result of war. Will we just stand by and watch?