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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE FIRST COMMISSION

I

(Item 17)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Having taken cognisance of the report of the International Red Cross Committee,

Notes the reasons which have led to the postponement of the convocation of the Commission of Experts contemplated by Resolution No. 22 of the Fourteenth International Red Cross Conference, and hopes that it will be possible to proceed to this convocation before the Sixteenth International Conference meets. The mandate given by the Fourteenth Conference to the International Red Cross Committee is renewed, and the Commission of Experts is instructed to investigate the points in regard to which it appears desirable and possible to modify the Hague Convention of 1907,

Recommends that the national Red Cross Societies concerned communicate their experiences to the International Red Cross Committee and to the League, together with any such suggestions as they may think fit,

And invites the Executive Committee of the International Relief Union and the Standing Committee of the Congresses of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, to associate themselves in this study so far as they may think fit.

II

(Item 11)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Notes with keen satisfaction the work done by the Standing International Commission on the Standardization of Medical Stores in the course of its sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sessions,

Requests the Commission to continue to keep in touch with the progress made and with new inventions, which may be of such a kind as to involve changes in the previous resolutions of the Commission or to guide the Commission in its future deliberations,

Thanks the International Red Cross Committee for the care with which it has facilitated meetings of the Commission, made the necessary secretarial arrangements, and published the results of the meetings,

Expresses its gratitude to the governments who send experts to attend the Commission, supply the necessary documentation, and subsidise the International Institute for the Study of Medical Stores and contribute to its collections,

And endorses the following resolutions: (here follow in the French official text the resolutions printed in Document No. 12 submitted by the International Red Cross Committee to the Conference).

III

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Considering the interest of comparative studies of medical stores to Army Medical Services and to national Red Cross Societies,

Approves the modification in the statutes of the Standing International Commission on the Standardization of Medical Stores, and resolves to change the title of this Commission, which will henceforth be known as the Standing International Commission for the Study of Medical Stores,

Instructs this Commission, in addition to the work which it may undertake looking directly towards standardisation, to endeavour to comply with the requests which may be addressed to it through the intermediary of Governments, for investigations and information on particular points,

Expresses the hope that the Governments of States which are parties to the Geneva Convention, and the national Red Cross Societies, which are not represented on the Commission, will promote such studies by sending in appropriate material and granting subventions,

Invites the Commission to co-operate practically for this purpose with the Standing Committee of the Congresses of Military Medicine and Pharmacy,

And instructs the Commission to modify its statutes so that they may be in conformity with the present resolution.

IV

(Item 12)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

While noting that since the Fourteenth Conference the number of Governments which have ratified the Geneva Protocol of June 17th, 1925, concerning the prohibition of the use in war of asphyxiating poisonous or similar gases, and of

bacteriological methods of warfare, has considerably increased,

Recommends that the International Red Cross Committee continue its endeavours to secure the ratification of the said Protocol, or adhesion to the said Protocol, by all countries which are parties to the Geneva Convention,

Thanks the International Committee for the initiative which it has taken in order to develop in time of peace and in time of war measures for the protection of civilian populations against poisonous gas,

Expresses the hope that the International Committee will be placed in the position to continue the technical investigations which it has already undertaken in spite of the difficulties of all kinds confronting it,

Approves the activity of the Documentation Centre, and invites national Societies to give their financial assistance to the International Committee in order to contribute to the development of this centre,

Notes the conclusions of the International Commission of Jurists of 1931, and expresses the hope that the studies of this Commission will be continued with a view to finding means for the legal protection of the civilian population against the dangers of aerial warfare in its various forms.

V

(Item 10)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Having taken cognisance of the report of the International Red Cross Committee,

Considering the regrettable consequences which might result from a too literal interpretation of the Geneva Conventions and of the Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of war of July 27th, 1929, in the event of military, naval or air operations unaccompanied by a declaration of war,

Considering that these operations, whatever may be their interpretation in international law, their motives or their purposes, cause the same destruction as declared wars,

Expresses the hope that the said Conventions which have been established for the circumstance of a declared war, will also be applied by analogy in the case of armed conflicts between States without declaration of war.

VI

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Thanks the Belgian Government for the initiative which it has taken with a view to the submission to a Diplomatic Conference of the study of certain laws of war, and especially the plan for the creation of areas or towns providing adequate protection both for wounded and sick soldiers and for the civilian population,

Expresses the hope that the International Red Cross Committee and national Red Cross Societies will place themselves in communication with Governments, in order to stimulate efforts looking to the prompt execution of any measure which may tend to protect the above mentioned elements of the population.

VII

(Item 9)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Considering the Sixth Resolution contained in the Final Act of the Diplomatic Conference of 1929, recommending the undertaking of careful investigations with a view to the conclusion of an international convention concerning the position and protection of civilians of enemy nationality who are on the territory of a belligerent State or on territory occupied by a belligerent,

Recognises the great interest attaching to the annexed Draft Convention concerning the fate of civilians on enemy territory or territory occupied by the enemy,

Expressly recommends this draft, subject to eventual amendments, to the attention of governments,

And instructs the International Red Cross Committee to make all appropriate representations with a view to the conclusion of a convention at the earliest possible date.

(The Draft Convention referred to in this resolution is printed in Document No. 9 presented to the Conference by the International Red Cross Committee).

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE SECOND COMMISSION

I

(Item 7)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Noting with keen satisfaction that the International Relief Union has now been fully constituted, and that the General Council of the Union held its inaugural meeting at Geneva in July 1933,

Having taken cognisance of the report of the International Relief Union,

Addresses its thanks to the Executive Committee of the Union for this clear statement of its views of the rôle of National Societies and of the International Red Cross bodies in the working of the Union, and to Colonel Draudt for the valuable supplementary information he has supplied,

Expresses its satisfaction with the action taken by the International Red Cross Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies in defining, by means of agreements satisfactory to all concerned, the responsibilities assumed by them on the Union's behalf,

Expresses the hope that the national Red Cross Societies of countries whose Governments are members of the Union will find it possible to establish analogous agreements on the national plane with their respective Governments,

And, regretting the absence of Senator Ciraolo, promoter of the Union and President of the Executive Committee, addresses to him cordial congratulations on the progress made, with the effective support of H.E. Mr. Mussolini, Head of the Italian Government, towards the realization of his generous conception.

II

(Item 13)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Noting with approval that during the past four years the number of national Red Cross Societies and the aggregate of their membership have continued to show progressive increase,

Expresses its appreciation to all who have contributed to strengthen the movement by their leadership, both in the national and in the international field,

Expresses the hope that this development will continue, and in particular that the Red Cross Societies of countries possessing overseas dependencies or administering Mandated Territories will continue to give special attention to the possibilities which the Red Cross offers as a means of protecting the health and improving the conditions of subject populations,

Requests the International Red Cross Committee to study, jointly with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, the question of Red Cross development in Territories under Mandate, and to transmit to the National Societies concerned their recommendations regarding the lines upon which Red Cross development in such territories can best be stimulated,

And, recognising that regional Red Cross Conferences are of outstanding value during a period characterised by an important evolution in Red Cross work, which is occurring as the result of changes in social and economic conditions, expresses the hope that the League of Red Cross Societies will go forward with its regular programme of regional conferences in close con-

sultation with the national Societies concerned in each case.

III

(Item 14)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the International Commission for the Study of the Red Cross Truce, and notably of the resolution adopted by that Commission on April 14, 1933,

Thanks the members of the Commission for their report and for the careful study which they have given to this important question,

Requests the national Red Cross Societies to examine with special care the conclusions of the Commission and the possibility of associating themselves therewith,

Considering the Truce as an effective means of promoting international understanding and co-operation, expresses the hope that all National Societies which decide to adapt to the conditions prevailing in their own countries the methods successfully practised by the Czechoslovak Red Cross, will afford opportunities to representatives of the International Red Cross Committee and of the League of Red Cross Societies for following their work in this field,

And addresses to the President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross renewed congratulations on her inspiring initiative.

IV

(Items 15 and 18)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Recognizing the importance of the health and welfare work accomplished by the national Red Cross Societies,

Taking into consideration the fact that the

nature and extent of these activities are determined by national and local circumstances,

Recognizes that the usefulness of the Red Cross in this field lies largely in educating the public, in experimenting with new methods, in promoting the co-ordination of the work of governmental services and voluntary agencies, and in bridging existing gaps, using for this purpose a specially trained personnel.

V

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Recalling that the Final Act of the Geneva Diplomatic Conference of 1929, in its Fifth Resolution, pointed out the great desirability of all facilities and exemptions being accorded to national Red Cross Societies,

Requests national Societies to approach their respective Governments with a view to obtaining from them that, in application of this principle, the transport of relief material from one country to another through the Red Cross shall be facilitated and exempted from charges.

VI

(Item 16)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Considering the report presented by the International Red Cross Committee concerning Secretariats of Private Information in accordance with the hope expressed by Resolution No. 12 of the Fourteenth Conference,

Considering the interest aroused by the proposal of Senator Cremonesi and the conclusive experiences of several Central Committees,

Considering also the analogy of the work done by the International Migration Service and the excellent co-operation already established between this body and several national Societies,

Encourages the national Societies which are already working in this field to continue their work on the present basis, and recommends to other Societies that they examine whether the special circumstances of their respective countries necessitate the creation (after agreement with the International Migration Service and under whatever name may appear most suitable) of services analogous to those contemplated by Senator Cremonesi.

VII

(Item 18)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Recommends the world-wide use of the Manual published in French by the League of the Red Cross Societies under the title "*Hygiène et Médecine à bord*",

Recommends to Red Cross Societies that they endeavour to have published in the various languages translations of the League's Manual, and asks them to approach the authorities in their respective countries on this subject,

Expresses the hope that the League will now give its attention to (a) the standardization of medical chests, and draft plans for the publication of a similar but smaller Manual to be used in aerodromes, air ambulances and aeroplanes; (b) the standardization of chests to be used by air services;

And expresses its thanks to the League of Red Cross Societies for the results already accomplished on the initiative and with the help of the Norwegian Red Cross, in regard to the health and welfare of merchant seamen.

VIII

(Item 21)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Noting with satisfaction that national Red Cross Societies are showing themselves increasingly able, thanks to systematic preparation, to play a useful rôle in co-operation with governmental and other private bodies, in the relief of disaster sufferers,

Noting at the same time that the response of National Societies as a whole to the appeals which they receive from the international Red Cross bodies on the occasion of disasters of unusual gravity, is an increasingly generous one,

And considering that preparatory work on the lines explained in the pamphlet submitted to the Conference by the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies is the essential condition of efficient disaster relief work, both nationally and internationally,

Expresses its approval of the action taken by the national Societies, by the International Red Cross Committee, and by the League, to improve the facilities which the Red Cross offers for disaster relief work,

And formulates the hope that Red Cross Societies will continue to improve their relief organization so as to be able with ever-increasing efficiency to meet the needs of disaster sufferers in their own countries, to respond to the appeals emanating from the international Red Cross bodies on behalf of disaster sufferers elsewhere, and to keep the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies fully acquainted with the development of their work in the field of disaster relief, so that it may continue to discharge its responsibilities in this field.

IX

(Item 22)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Having taken cognizance of the interesting and instructive report of the Standing International Commission on First Aid on Highways,

And noting that the Commission has carried out in every respect the mandate entrusted to it by the XIVth International Red Cross Conference,

Addresses cordial thanks to the Commission for its painstaking work and for its report,

Endorses the recommendations formulated by the Commission,

Expresses the hope that each national Red Cross Society will give special attention to the development of effective and uniform facilities for rendering first aid on highways in close cooperation with national touring associations and automobile clubs, and will keep in close touch with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies in connexion with their further work in this field,

And expresses the hope that the League will continue to promote highway first aid activities on a uniform basis, and in this connexion will continue to benefit by the experience of those experts who, under the enlightened chairmanship of Dr. Béhague, have rendered such valuable services to the Standing International Commission.

X

(Item 22)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Considering the importance of accurate and sufficiently detailed statistics of accidents occurring on highways,

Requests the national Red Cross Societies to collect such information, and the League Secretariat to prepare and publish these data.

XI

(Item 23)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Noting the continuously increasing importance attached in Red Cross and other circles to the organization of air ambulance services,

And noting with satisfaction the action taken by the League of Red Cross Societies with a view to acquainting its Members with the progress made in this field,

Reiterates the recommendations embodied in resolution 17 of the XIVth International Red Cross Conference, and expresses the hope that national Red Cross Societies will study from the national standpoint, and the League of Red Cross Societies from the international standpoint, the possibility:

(a) of satisfactory agreements being concluded between Red Cross bodies, governmental and private services interested in aviation, and aero-clubs;

(b) of establishing co-operative relations with aeroplane manufacturers in this connexion;

(c) of organizing first aid and training courses in order to facilitate the transport of patients by air and the administration of first aid when required in connexion with aviation work.

The Conference further expresses the hope that Governments will encourage and facilitate the use of aeroplanes by Red Cross Societies for the transport of patients, and in connexion with disaster relief work, and will continue, with the International Red Cross Committee, to study the possibility of introducing regulations and technical facilities to enable ambulance aeroplanes to cross frontiers in peacetime.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE THIRD COMMISSION

I

The Florence Nightingale Medal

(Agenda, Item 4c)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference approves the following rules regarding the award of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

Qualifications

1. The Florence Nightingale Medal may be awarded:

- (a) To fully trained certificated nurses who have distinguished themselves in an exceptional manner by great devotion to sick or injured patients in time of war or time of peace;
- (b) To fully trained certificated matrons and to fully trained nurse organisers who have rendered exceptional service to the sick or injured in the direction or organization of institutions;
- (c) To voluntary aids, properly enrolled in Red Cross Service, who have distinguished themselves in an exceptional manner by great devotion to the sick or injured in time of war or public disaster;
- (d) To nurses and voluntary aids in any of the above categories who have fallen on the Field of Honour.

Distribution and Award of Medals

2. Medals will be distributed every two years.
3. Not more than thirty-six Medals may be distributed on each occasion. No minimum is laid down.
4. The privilege of presenting names is reserved

exclusively to the Central Committees of national Red Cross Societies. No obligation rests, however, upon any Central Committee to present a name or names for each distribution of Medals.

5. The names proposed must be sent in so as to reach the International Red Cross Committee before March 1st of the year in which a distribution is made, so that the list may be published in time for May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale.
6. The Medals are awarded by the International Red Cross Committee at its discretion.
7. The International Red Cross Committee will communicate its decisions by circular to the Central Committees of the national Societies in time for announcement by May 12th, and will forward to them as soon as possible the Medals and Diplomas to be presented to the recipients.
8. The recipients will be given their Medals in each country either by the Head of the State or by the President of the Central Committee of the national Red Cross Society, directly or indirectly. This ceremony will be carried out with the solemnity appropriate to the importance of the distinction which the Medal represents.

Final Clause

9. The statutes of the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund voted in Washington in 1912 remain valid, with the modifications resolved upon by subsequent Conferences.

The rules hitherto in force also remain valid except in so far as they are invalidated by the present rules.

II

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

In order to emphasize the value and high standing of the Florence Nightingale Medal,

Invites national Red Cross Societies to study, in collaboration with their respective Governments, proposals for rules regarding the wearing of this Medal by those to whom it is awarded, for the purpose of stressing its outstanding value.

III

(Agenda, Item 19)

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

In view of the report submitted by the League of Red Cross Societies on the rôle of nurses and voluntary aids in times of calamity,

Considering the importance of that rôle,

Recommends to the national Red Cross Societies

- (1) to provide for the collaboration of competent fully trained certificated nurses in all permanent relief organizations dealing with the victims of disaster,
- (2) to establish and keep up to date a roll of all the available nursing personnel in each country,
- (3) to organize an efficient working plan for the recruiting and rapid mobilization of nurses and voluntary aids.

IV

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Having studied the report submitted to it by the International Red Cross Committee,

Approves fully the conclusions of the said report concerning the training of nurses and voluntary aids for emergency service in times of war or disaster,

And expresses the hope that a conference of qualified experts may be held as soon as possible to study the principles of disaster relief nursing services.

V

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

In order to derive fuller benefit from the co-operation of trained nurses and voluntary aids,

Asks the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Red Cross Committee to make a further study of the practical activities of voluntary aids in normal times, from the point of view of all Red Cross workers.

VI

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Stressing the importance of the work done by voluntary aids in the past,

Urges those Red Cross Societies which have not as yet included them in their organization to consider the possibility of so doing.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE FOURTH COMMISSION

I

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Expressing its satisfaction with the development of the Junior Red Cross, which is playing an increasingly important part in the physical and moral training of boys and girls and constitutes a valuable pledge for the future of the Red Cross movement throughout the world;

Considering that the creation of a Junior Section in each national Red Cross Society is the first step which should be taken in establishing the Junior Red Cross, and that each such Section should aim at enrolling all primary and secondary school pupils in the country;

Considering also that most national Societies now have Junior Sections, and that they have been able to judge of the value of the activities of these Sections for the Red Cross as a whole;

Recommends that the national Societies support and extend the activities of their Junior Sections by all the means at their disposal, and that Societies which have not already done so, organize Junior Sections without delay, in conformity with the directions given in the XIVth Circular of the International Red Cross Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies, basing themselves upon the experience of other Societies and upon the advice of the League Secretariat.

II

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Urges that the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies should continue to compile and issue propaganda material of every practical

kind and recommend it to all national Red Cross Societies with due consideration to local conditions in each country.

III

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Recognizing that Junior Red Cross members inspired by the ideals of the Red Cross, are learning to regard the cultivation of good health as a form of practical good citizenship by which they are enabled to render service to their country and to others throughout the world,

Recommends that the national Red Cross Societies endeavour to preserve and further the moral or spiritual basis of these activities, so that the Junior Red Cross may continue to render its unique service to the health of the world.

IV

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

In consideration of the proposal made by the Swedish Delegation at the Tenth International Conference;

And taking into account the preliminary studies already carried out by the International Red Cross Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies, with a view to the preparation of a booklet designed to acquaint boys and girls with the Geneva Convention and with the nature and activities of the Red Cross,

Requests the International Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies to prepare a booklet suited to children between the ages of

ten and fourteen years, explaining the principles upon which the Geneva Convention is founded, and also describing essential facts about the Red Cross movement, its history and its accomplishments;

And further requests the International Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies to provide the national Red Cross Societies with such material as will eventually enable them to supply the educational authorities in their respective countries with a chapter on the Red Cross designed for insertion in school text-books.

V

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Realizing the value of the contribution made by the Junior Sections of national Red Cross Societies to the realization of the ideas expressed in the XXVth Resolution of the Fourteenth International Red Cross Conference on the Red Cross as a factor in promoting international friendship;

Noting with appreciation the resolution voted by the *Liaison Committee of Major International Organizations*, giving credit to the Junior Red Cross which, through the cordial and co-operative relations which it establishes between the boys and girls in different countries, serves the cause of better international understanding;

Urges the national Societies to encourage their Junior Sections to extend their activities in this field, in the same spirit of racial, political and religious neutrality.

VI

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Considering that, in the highest interest of the Red Cross, it is important that boys and girls leaving Junior groups should not be lost to the

Red Cross movement, but should continue to give active co-operation in Red Cross work,

And considering the resolution on this subject already adopted by the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies at its Thirteenth meeting in 1932:

Noting in particular the encouraging experiences of certain national Red Cross Societies since that date in organizing former Juniors (in auxiliary councils and other volunteer groups) in university, business, industry and other walks of life, for the purpose of acting as counsellors of Junior Red Cross groups, as active Red Cross workers or as promoters of Junior Red Cross membership in schools not yet enrolled,

Recommends that National Red Cross Societies continue such experiments, striving to impress upon the minds of former Juniors, that they are not only welcomed but needed by the Red Cross to help in meeting the increasingly grave problems which confront it in the modern world;

And further expresses the conviction that, if invited to do so on leaving school, former leaders of Junior Red Cross groups will show initiative in helping their national Societies to find a programme of activities calculated to hold their interest.

VII

The Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference,

Noting with interest the excellent results obtained from the participation of Junior delegates in the Annual Convention of the American Red Cross;

Expresses the hope that this proceeding, the success of which has been more marked every year, may be adopted by other Societies, and may be extended to the international field on the occasion of future Regional and International Red Cross Conferences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the plenary session on Monday October 22nd, H.E. Dr. Alonzo Romero proposed on behalf of the delegates representing the Mexican Government and the Mexican Red Cross that the foreign delegates attending the Conference should express their appreciation of the hospitality and kindness shown them in Japan by subscribing to the fund being raised in aid of the sufferers from the recent typhoon in Osaka. He announced that the Mexican Delegation would head the list with a subscription of Yen 500.

In accordance with the request of the Mexican Delegation no discussion followed and no

vote was taken. The Delegation has, however, asked that its action should be recorded in the Daily Bulletin.

Delegates are reminded that the programme of the Conference provides for plenary sessions today at 5 p.m., and tomorrow, Friday, at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

It is hoped that the reports of the Third and Fourth Commissions can be taken to-day, and the reports of the First and Second Commissions will be available for discussion on Friday.



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