

**XVIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS**

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**Report of the International Committee  
of the Red Cross**

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Since the XVII International Conference of the Red Cross held at Stockholm in August 1948 no applications for grants from the income of the Augusta Fund have been submitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Committee has consequently nothing on which to report except the financial situation of the Fund as at 31 December 1951.

In view however of the fact that the absence of applications may be due to the income of the Fund not being distributed except every four years, and that the National Societies are liable accordingly to forget to submit demands, the International Committee proposes in future to send them a circular letter one year before the date by which the demands have to be submitted.

The situation of the Augusta Fund as at 31 December 1951 was as follows according to the Report on the Audit of the accounts made by the Société Fiduciaire Romande Ofor on 14 January 1952.

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Situation as at 31 December 1951

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
	Fr.		Fr.
Credit account at the Swiss National Bank . . . . .	17,518.—	Inalienable capital . . . . .	100,000.—
Securities deposited at the National Bank (estimated value as at 31 December 1951) . . . . .	133,000.—	Exchange fluctuation reserve	18,127.20
	<u>150,518.—</u>	Available funds as at 31 December 1951 . . . . .	32,390.80
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## INCOME ACCOUNT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1951

DEBIT (CHARGES)		CREDIT (YIELD)	
	Fr.		Fr.
Safe custody charges, audit fees, printing and forwarding . . . . .	126.50	Credit balance as at 31 December 1950 brought forward . . . . .	28,716.95
Credit balance available as at 31 December 1951 . . . . .	32,390.80	Income from securities accruing in 1951 . . . . .	3,800.35
	<u>32,517.30</u>		<u>32,517.30</u>

The Augusta Fund was established on 27 January 1890. A number of successive Regulations have been drawn up to determine the method of distribution of its income, *e.g.* in 1909, 1912 and 1928.

But the wording of these Regulations merely consists of amendments of previous Regulations, with the result that it is necessary to refer to a number of these in order to have a clear idea of the rules governing the Fund.

It seemed desirable to the International Committee of the Red Cross to combine the various rules in force into a single set of Regulations.

The Committee has accordingly drafted new Regulations, the text of which is now submitted for approval to the XVIII International Conference of the Red Cross.

The new Regulations make no fundamental change in the existing rules, which they merely coordinate in a single text.

## DRAFT REGULATIONS

### I. *General Provisions*

#### ARTICLE I

To commemorate the eminent services rendered to the Red Cross by her late Majesty, the German Empress and Queen of Prussia, an International Fund, to be called "The Augusta Fund", has been established to be employed in the general interests of the Red Cross.

#### ARTICLE 2

The Fund comprises :

- (a) such sums as the National Red Cross Societies may allocate to it ;

- (b) individual subscriptions and gifts from whatever source ;
- (c) interest on the capital so constituted.

The income of the Fund shall be capitalized until the Fund has reached the total of 100,000 Swiss francs.

#### ARTICLE 3

The cash and securities forming the Fund shall be paid to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which shall put them on deposit in a public banking institution offering all requisite guarantees of solvency.

#### ARTICLE 4

An account of the situation of the Fund shall be drawn up each year as at January 7, being the anniversary of the death of Her Majesty the Empress, and shall be published in the *Bulletin international des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge*.

### II. *Special Provisions*

#### ARTICLE 5

The interest yielded by the Augusta Fund, which is declared inalienable, shall be devoted by the International Committee :

- (a) either to missions which the Central Committees judge expedient to organize in the general interest of Red Cross work ;
- (b) or to women's associations, and especially those concerned with setting up nursing schools ;
- (c) or to any other object of practical utility.

#### ARTICLE 6

The interest on the Augusta Fund shall be distributed every four years at each International Conference, the names of those to whom grants have been made being announced at the Conference.

#### ARTICLE 7

The International Committee shall accept applications for grants which are addressed to it up to November 1 of the year which precedes that in which distribution of the income is to be made.

#### ARTICLE 8

The International Committee of the Red Cross shall remind the Central Committees by means of a circular letter of the date by which applications are to be in its hands.

#### ARTICLE 9

Requests for grants shall be addressed to the International Committee of the Red Cross through the intermediary of the Central Committees.

#### ARTICLE 10

At each International Conference the International Committee of the Red Cross shall present a report on the administration of the Fund. The report shall then be published in the *Bulletin international*.

#### ARTICLE 11

Applications for grants which have not yet been accorded must, in order subsequently to be taken again into consideration, be renewed before November 1 of the year which precedes that in which the income is to be distributed.

### III. *Final Provisions*

#### ARTICLE 12

The present Regulations, adopted by the XVIII International Conference of the Red Cross held at Toronto in 1952 supersede all previous rules relating to the Augusta Fund, in particular those of 27 January 1890, 7 January 1909, 16 May 1912, 31 March 1921, and 23 October 1928.

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