

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK RED CROSS

International Disaster Relief

point 4 c

The International Conference of the Red Cross, considering :

THAT each year produces numerous natural disasters causing loss of life, loss of property and great suffering;

THAT mutual disaster relief strengthens ties of friendship and solidarity;

THAT international relief activities are an important form of Red Cross action on a national and international scale;

THAT assistance given quickly alleviates suffering caused by disasters;

REFERS to resolution 2435 on assistance in cases of natural disaster, adopted on 19 December 1969 by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

THANKS the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the airline companies which have granted reduced air transport rates;

REQUESTS airline companies to make possible the transport of relief supplies under conditions in no way prejudicial to the conveyance of such supplies, and in particular to reduce freight charges.

PLENARY MEETING

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
TO CIVILIAN POPULATION IN DISASTER SITUATIONS

Resolution submitted by the Norwegian and Canadian governments approved in principle by the General Commission and unanimously recommended by of ad-hoc drafting-committee appointed under item 4 c of the agenda

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Noting that in the present century the international community has accepted increased responsibility for relief of human suffering in any form;

Affirming that human suffering in all its manifestations is of deep concern to the conscience of mankind and that world opinion requires effective action for the relief of such suffering;

Affirming that one of the major purposes of the community of nations as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character;

Noting with satisfaction the improvements in the ability of the international community to provide various forms of humanitarian relief which have been made through international agreements and by the International Red Cross and other impartial international humanitarian organisations;

Recognizing that further steps have to be taken by the international community to ensure prompt and effective relief action to civilian populations in natural or other disaster situations;

Adopts the following Declaration of Principles:

1. The fundamental concern of mankind and of the international community in disaster situations in the protection and welfare of the individual and the safeguarding of basic human rights.
2. Relief by impartial international humanitarian organisations for civilian populations in natural or other disaster situation should as far as possible be treated as a humanitarian and non-political matter and should be so organised as to avoid prejudicing sovereign and other legal rights in order that the confidence of the parties to a conflict in the impartiality of such organisations may be preserved.
3. The activities of impartial international humanitarian organisations for the benefit of civilian populations should be coordinated in order to secure prompt action and effective allocation of resources and to avoid duplication of effort.
4. Disaster relief for the benefit of civilian populations is to be provided without discrimination and the offer of such relief by an impartial international humanitarian organisation ought not to be regarded as an unfriendly act.
5. All states are requested to exercise their sovereign and other legal rights as to facilitate the transit admission and distribution of relief supplies provided by impartial international humanitarian organisations for the

benefit of civilian populations in disaster areas when disaster situations imperil the life and welfare of such populations.

6. All authorities in disaster areas should facilitate disaster relief activities by impartial international humanitarian organizations for the benefit of civilian populations.

GENERAL COMMISSION
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO CIVILIAN POPULATIONS
IN DISASTER SITUATIONS

Draft Resolution submitted by the Canadian and Norwegian governments

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross.

Noting that in the present century the international community

has accepted increased responsibility for relief of human suffering regardless of cause;

Affirming that human suffering in all its manifestations and from whatever cause is of deep concern to the conscience of mankind and that world opinion requires effective action for the relief of such suffering,

Affirming that one of the major purposes of the community of nations as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

Noting with satisfaction the improvements which have been made through international agreements and by international organisations and humanitarian relief agencies in the ability of the international community to provide various forms of humanitarian relief,

Recognizing that further steps have to be taken by the international community to ensure prompt and effective relief action to civilian populations in disaster situations, regardless of cause,

Adopts the following Declaration of Principles:

1. The fundamental concern of mankind and of the international community in disaster situations is the protection and welfare of the individual and the safeguarding of basic human rights.
2. International relief for civilian populations in disaster situations regardless of cause should as far as possible be treated as a humanitarian and non-political matter and relief should be so organised as to avoid prejudicing the legal rights and so far as possible the other interests of the parties to a conflict in order that the confidence of the parties to the conflict in the impartiality of the relief organisations may be preserved.
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5. All states are requested to exercise their sovereign and other legal rights in a manner which allows the transit admission and distribution of international relief supplies provided by impartial humanitarian bodies for the benefit of civilian populations in disaster areas when disaster situations imperil the life and welfare of such populations.
6. All authorities in disaster areas should facilitate international disaster relief activities by impartial humanitarian bodies for the benefit of civilian populations.

7. Impartial humanitarian bodies when engaged in international disaster relief should at all times respect the sovereign and other legal rights of the states concerned.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLESSUBMITTED BY NORWEGIAN AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS

The XXist International Conference of the Red Cross

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Recognizing that further steps have to be taken by the international community to ensure prompt and effective relief action to civilian populations in disaster situations, regardless of cause,

Adopts the following Declaration of Principles:

1. The fundamental concern of mankind and of the international community in disaster situations is the protection and welfare of the individual and the safeguarding of basic human rights.
2. International relief for civilian populations in disaster situations, regardless of cause, is a humanitarian and non-political matter.
3. The activities of international organisations and relief agencies for the benefit of civilian populations should be coordinated in order to secure prompt action and effective allocation of resources and to avoid duplication of effort.
4. Disaster relief for the benefit of civilian populations is to be provided without discrimination and the offer of such relief is never to be regarded as an unfriendly act.
5. All authorities in areas of disaster, without prejudice to the sovereign rights of States, should allow the transit, admission and distribution of international relief supplies for the benefit

of civilian populations in disaster areas when disaster situations imperil the life and welfare of such populations.

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September 6, 1969

ADVANCE TEXT OF REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION

(Circulated by the Norwegian and Canadian
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DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS

Rising needs for greater cooperation between governments and Red Cross Societies in scientific research, disaster preparedness, and relief operations,

Having in mind the principles and potentials of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 2435 (XXII) adopted on 19 December 1968, the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Recognizes that many scientific and technological advances are being made that relate to the mitigation of the consequences of disasters and lead to saving lives and property,

Urges nations and Red Cross Societies to work together, record, share or exchange data essential to scientific understanding of natural disasters; to utilize to the fullest extent feasible, satellite, radar, seismographic, engineering, laser, computers, etc., coupled with modern communicating devices, in order to predict, warn, alert, prepare and respond before and after disaster strikes,

Calls upon governments and Red Cross Societies to support, share, and apply, insofar as possible, these developments and advances of science and technology to tame the forces of angry nature, to coordinate disaster relief action so as to minimize damage, and to prevent or relieve human suffering.

Ambassador W.E. Stevenson
American Red Cross

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COMMISSION GENERALE

PROJET DE RESOLUTION PRESENTE PAR LES DELEGATIONS DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

AMERICAINE ET DU GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS

Nécessité toujours plus grande de resserrer la coopération entre les Gouvernements et les Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge en matière de recherche scientifique, de préparation aux catastrophes et d'opérations de secours

Ayant présent à l'esprit les principes et les possibilités mentionnées dans la Résolution No 2435 (XXII) de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, adoptée le 19 décembre 1968, la XXIème Conférence internationale de la Croix-Rouge

Reconnaît la réalisation de nombreux progrès scientifiques et techniques dont l'objet est d'atténuer les conséquences des catastrophes, de sauvegarder la vie humaine et de préserver les biens

Demande instamment aux nations et aux Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge de travailler ensemble, de recueillir, de partager et d'échanger les données essentielles à la connaissance scientifique des catastrophes naturelles; d'utiliser le plus possible les satellites, les radars, les sismographes, les dispositifs techniques tels que lasers, ordinateurs, etc., ainsi que les moyens de communications modernes, afin de prévoir, d'avertir, d'alerter, de préparer et de répondre avant et après le déclenchement de la catastrophe,

Invite les Gouvernements et les Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge à appuyer, à partager et à appliquer dans toute la mesure du possible ces progrès scientifiques et techniques en vue de dominer les forces déchaînées de la nature et de coordonner ainsi les opérations de secours en cas de catastrophe pour réduire les dommages au minimum et prévenir ou soulager les souffrances humaines.

Ambassadeur W.E. Stevenson
Croix-Rouge américaine

GENERAL COMMISSION

Draft resolution concerning agenda Item 5

The General Commission,

CONSIDERING that statements on item 5 of its agenda, "Red Cross Adult and Youth Volunteers in the Community in Evolution", have provided a wealth of information and ideas, and that there is every reason to believe that further speakers will add thereto:

CONSIDERING, furthermore, that its timetable will not allow every speaker the time necessary to develop his subject in such a manner that the meeting may derive full benefit;

HAS DECIDED, on a proposal from the Chair, that speakers on agenda item 5 shall :

- deposit with the Bureau the text of what they intend to say, so that it may be circulated to all members of the Commission;
- limit themselves, when taking the floor, to a brief account of the basic points contained in their written statement.

COMMISSION GENERALE

Projet de résolution concernant
un point relatif au point 5 de l'ordre du jour

La Commission générale,

Considérant que les interventions déjà faites sur le point 5 de son ordre du jour "Les Volontaires de la Croix-Rouge" sont particulièrement riches d'informations et de réflexions, et qu'on peut légitimement penser qu'il en sera de même pour les interventions à venir;

Considérant, par ailleurs, que les horaires de ses travaux ne permettent pas de laisser à chaque orateur le temps nécessaire pour développer son sujet de telle manière que ses auditeurs puissent en tirer tout le bénéfice souhaitable;

Décide, sur la proposition de son Président,

- que les orateurs qui sont intervenus, ou interviendront, sur le point 5 de son ordre du jour, déposeront, sur le bureau de la Commission, le texte écrit de leur intervention, en vue de sa diffusion à tous les membres,
- que les orateurs qui prendront désormais la parole sur le point 5 limiteront leur intervention orale à une présentation rapide des éléments essentiels de leur déclaration.

Resolution adopted
à la séance plénière

COLLECTION CICR Resolution 2/P

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RESOLUTION

Organization of Health Teams

(General Commission - Draft agenda item 6 presented by the ICRC
and including agreed amendments)

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Considering that armed conflicts, of whatever kind, may necessitate medical aid from the ICRC or the National Societies of neutral countries,

Considering that in such cases the ICRC may be called upon to recruit health personnel in countries which are not parties to the conflict,

Considering that aid to victims of natural disasters may also require the participation of health personnel, through the intermediary of the League and the National Red Cross Societies,

Recommends that National Societies establish in their respective countries, in co-operation with official and private bodies, a reserve of health personnel who could be made available to the ICRC and the League at their request, or who could be used in accordance with Article 27 of the 1st 1949 Geneva Convention,

Recommends that Governments of States parties to the Geneva Conventions support the efforts of their National Societies and encourage the recruitment and training of personnel for this reserve;

Recommends that the ICRC and the League take the requisite steps to undertake with the assistance of WHO, the studies necessary for carrying out this project and drawing up regulations defining, inter alia, the status of the personnel comprising these teams.

RESOLUTION

Organisation d'équipes sanitaires

(Point 6 de l'ordre du jour provisoire de la Commission générale) présenté par le CICR et contenant des amendements acceptés).

La XXIIe Conférence internationale de la Croix-Rouge,

Considérant que les conflits armés, sous quelque forme qu'ils soient, peuvent rendre nécessaire l'assistance médicale du CICR ou des Sociétés nationales de pays neutres;

Considérant que dans ce cas, le CICR peut être appelé à recruter du personnel sanitaire dans les pays qui ne sont pas partie au conflit;

Considérant que l'assistance aux victimes des catastrophes naturelles peut requérir également la participation de personnel sanitaire par l'entremise de la Ligue et des Sociétés nationales de Croix-Rouge;

Recommande aux Sociétés nationales de constituer, dans leurs pays respectifs, avec les organismes officiels et privés, une réserve de personnel sanitaire qu'elles seraient prêtes à mettre à la disposition du CICR ou de la Ligue, sur leur demande ou pour être utilisé conformément à l'Article 27 de la I Convention de Genève, 1949;

Recommande aux Gouvernements des Etats parties aux Conventions de Genève de soutenir les efforts de leur Société nationale et de favoriser le recrutement et la formation de ce personnel de réserve;

Recommande au CICR et à la Ligue de prendre toutes mesures utiles pour poursuivre avec l'assistance de l'OMS les études nécessaires en vue de réaliser ce projet, et d'établir un règlement qui fixera notamment le statut du personnel de ces équipes

Projet de résolution présenté par le CICR concernant le Projet pour
l'organisation d'équipes sanitaires internationales

Point 6 de l'Ordre du Jour provisoire de la Commission générale

La XXIIe Conférence internationale de la Croix-Rouge,

Considérant que les conflits armés, sous quelque forme qu'ils soient
peuvent rendre nécessaire l'assistance médicale du CICR;

Considérant qu'en ce cas le CICR sera appelé à recruter du personnel
sanitaire dans les pays qui ne sont pas partie au conflit;

Considérant que l'assistance aux victimes des catastrophes naturelles
peut requérir également la participation de personnel sanitaire par l'en-
tremise de la Ligue et des Sociétés nationales de Croix-Rouge;

Recommande aux Sociétés nationales de constituer, dans leurs pays
respectifs, avec les organismes officiels et privés, une réserve de per-
sonnel sanitaire qu'elles seraient prêtes à mettre à la disposition du
CICR ou de la Ligue, sur leur demande;

Recommande aux Gouvernements des Etats parties aux Conventions de
Genève de soutenir les efforts de leur Société nationale et de favoriser
le recrutement et la formation de ce personnel de réserve;

Recommande au CICR et à la Ligue de prendre toutes mesures utiles
pour poursuivre les études nécessaires en vue de la réalisation de ce
projet.

Draft Resolution submitted by the ICRC concerning the Project for the Organisation of International Health Teams

(Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda of the General Commission)

The XXlst International Conference of the Red Cross,

considering that armed conflicts, of whatever nature they may be, may make it necessary to have medical assistance from the ICRC,

whereas in this case the ICRC will be called upon to recruit health personnel in countries which are not parties to the conflict,

considering further that assistance to natural disaster victims may also involve the participation of health personnel made available by the League and National Societies,

recommends National Societies to set up, in their respective countries and in liaison with official and private bodies, a pool of health personnel whom they would be prepared to make available to the ICRC and the League on their request,

recommends the Governments of States of parties to the Geneva Conventions to support the efforts of their National Societies and to promote the recruitment and training of this pool,

recommends the ICRC and the League to take all appropriate steps to continue the necessary studies with a view to the implementation of this project.

GENERAL COMMISSION

(Item 6)

Amendment proposed by the Yugoslav, Norwegian and Bulgarian Red Cross Societies and by the Government Delegations of these countries.

The above-mentioned Delegations propose the following amendment to the Resolution on international health teams. The amendment should figure as a new paragraph at the end of the Resolution.

1. "recommends that Regulations be prepared to settle all questions concerning these teams".

COMMISSION GENERALE

(Point 6)

Amendement proposé par les Croix-Rouges yougoslave, norvégienne et bulgare et par les délégations gouvernementales de ces pays.

Les délégations susmentionnées proposent l'amendement suivant à la résolution concernant les équipes sanitaires internationales. Les dispositions de cet amendement doivent figurer à la fin de la résolution, comme nouveau paragraphe.

1. " recommande qu'un Règlement soit élaboré pour régler toutes les questions relatives à ces équipes ".

Résolution adoptée à
la session plénière.

COLLECTION CICR

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Submitted by the Under-Commission created by the General
Commission

The Red Cross as a Factor in World Peace

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Considering that the International Red Cross, in accordance with its fundamental humanitarian principles adopted by the XXth International Conference, is called upon to promote mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples,

confirming all previous resolutions in support of peace condemning any threat or use of force which jeopardizes the independence and right of self-determination of all peoples, and the appeals of previous Red Cross Conferences to all Governments to settle their disputes by effective peaceful means, within the spirit of international law,

expressing its anxiety at the threat to world peace and international security resulting from armed conflicts in different regions of the world which are causing great suffering and distress and prompted by the necessity for effective measures to ensure the maintenance of international peace and security which requires as an essential element, respect for international agreements and international law,

re-affirming that the Red Cross is always faithful to its traditional commitments for the benefit of all mankind and calls for respect of the internationally accepted fundamental human rights of all persons and of all human societies,

urgently appeals to all Governments and to the United Nations to take all measures to put an end to armed conflicts and to establish a lasting peace. Urges renewed efforts to halt the nuclear arms race including the establishment of an adequately verified treaty banning nuclear weapons tests in all environments, a seabeds arms control treaty, sound and effective arrangements, covering chemical and biological weapons, and general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

proposes to use funds that would have been assigned to the purchase of armaments for the service of mankind, the protection of the lives and health of people, first and foremost the younger generation, and for the improvement of education and teaching,

noting with satisfaction resolution 2444 of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on 19 December 1968, requests the leaders of the International Red Cross to maintain constant and close contact with the United Nations in respect of activities on behalf of peace and human rights,

urges all States to accept and effectively put into practice the standards established by international law, the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian Conventions and declarations and all previous humanitarian Resolutions of the International Red Cross and the United Nations,

recommends that the International Red Cross bodies and the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies, in constant liaison with the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, take active measures to initiate the whole population, particularly youth, in Red Cross activities by training youth in a spirit of international brotherhood, solidarity, friendship with all peoples and social responsibility for the destiny of their peoples. In this spirit it invites the International Red Cross bodies, in liaison with UNESCO, other UN Specialized Agencies and youth organisations, to initiate an educational programme on peace,

urgently invites and recommends the National Societies to increase and maintain closer contacts with each other for the purpose of exchanging experiences, and achieving closer co-operation and mutual understanding in the promotion of peace,

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

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GENERAL COMMISSION

Item 7 of the Agenda

Red Cross as a factor in World Peace

Draft Resolution put forward jointly by United Kingdom Government and the British Red Cross Society.

THE XXIst INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS,

- Mindful of the humanitarian tasks of the Red Cross and their contribution to the cause of universal and perpetual peace, and
- Recalling that the denial of Human Rights is a major cause of armed conflicts of all kinds,
1. Calls upon all National Societies within the limits of their humanitarian task:-
- (a) to assist their respective Governments in every way, to establish and maintain universal and perpetual peace, and
 - (b) to support their respective Governments, in the upholding of Human Rights recognised by international conventions or international custom or both,
2. Invites all Governments:-
- (a) to allow National Societies to participate in every way, within the limits of their humanitarian tasks, in the establishment and maintenance of universal and perpetual peace.
 - (b) to enable National Societies to maintain their Red Cross links and humanitarian co-operation with National Societies of those States with which diplomatic relations do not exist,
3. Urges the I.C.R.C. in time of armed conflict to take all possible measures within the limits of its humanitarian mission and with the agreement of those concerned to restore and maintain peace.

DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Red Cross as a Factor in World Peace

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,
Recalling previous resolutions in this field and in
particular Resolution X adopted by the XXth International
Conference of the Red Cross in Vienna in 1965,

Recognizing the desire of all mankind to live in peace,
and

Convinced of the necessity for effective measures to
ensure the maintenance of international peace and security,

1. Welcomes the steps already taken to reduce the
dangers of armed conflict, including in particular the 1963
Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in Atmosphere, in Outer
Space and Under Water, the 1967 Treaty on Principles Governing
the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer
Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and the
1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
2. Urges renewed efforts to halt the nuclear arms race
through further progress in disarmament, including conclusion
of an adequately verified treaty banning nuclear weapons tests
in all environments, a seabeds arms control treaty, sound and
effective arrangements covering chemical and biological weapons,
and general and complete disarmament under effective international
control,
3. Expresses its deep concern at any use of force against
the independence or the right of self-determination of all
peoples,
4. Calls upon all states to settle their disputes by
peaceful means,
5. Appeals to all states and their peoples to join in
humanitarian efforts to relieve the suffering of individuals
in countries where armed conflicts are now taking place,

6. Encourages the International Committee of the Red Cross to undertake within the framework of its humanitarian mission, and in cooperation with the United Nations and other appropriate international organizations, every step likely to contribute to the prevention or settlement of possible armed conflicts, and to be associated, in agreement with the States concerned, with appropriate measures to this end,

7. Urges the ICRC and the League of Red Cross Societies, the National Societies and Governments to redouble their efforts with a view to the universal and scrupulous application, in a spirit of humanity, of the Geneva Conventions, in all armed conflicts,

8. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the ICRC, the League, the National Societies and Governments for the alleviation of suffering, and encourages them to continue their efforts to this end.

August 26, 1969

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THE RED CROSS AS A FACTOR IN WORLD PEACE

Draft Resolution submitted by the Alliance
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Considering that the International Red Cross, in accordance with its fundamental humanitarian principles adopted by the XXth International Conference, is called upon to promote mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and lasting peace amongst all peoples,

Confirming all previous resolutions in support of peace condemning the use of force which threatens the independence and right to self-determination of all peoples, and the appeals of previous International Conferences of the Red Cross calling upon all Governments to recognize the principles proclaiming that war cannot settle international disputes and differences,

Expressing its anxiety at the present grave international situation and the increasing threat to world peace and international security resulting from armed conflicts in different regions of the world, particularly in Vietnam and in the Middle East, which are causing great suffering and distress and have led to the violation of man's basic rights, of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 relative to the protection of war victims, and of the Geneva Protocol of 1925,

Inspired by humanitarianism and responsibility to mankind,

Urgently appeals to all Governments and to the United Nations to take all measures to put an end to armed conflicts, to establish a lasting peace, to prohibit the use of nuclear, chemical and bacteriological weapons, to promote controlled general and complete disarmament and to use funds assigned to the purchase of armaments for the service of mankind, the protection of the lives and health of people, first and foremost the younger generation, and for the improvement of education and teaching,

Noting with satisfaction resolution 2444 of the United Nations General Assembly,

Requests the leaders of the International Red Cross to maintain constant and close contact with the United Nations in respect of activities on behalf of peace and human rights,

Urges that the standards of international law, the principles of the United Nations and other international humanitarian agreements, and all previous resolutions be strictly applied and effectively put into practice,

Recommends that the National Societies of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun, in constant liaison with the specialized agencies of the United Nations, take active measures to initiate the whole population, particularly youth, in Red Cross activities by training youth in a spirit of international brotherhood, solidarity, friendship with all peoples and social responsibility for the destiny of their peoples,

Urgently encourages and recommends the National Societies to develop and maintain closer contacts for the purpose of exchanging experiences, closer co-operation and better mutual understanding,

Draws the attention of the International Red Cross to the need to have active recourse to all means of propaganda in support of peace and human rights, and to the need for extensive dissemination of the humanitarian principles of the Red Cross,

Recommends that international and regional Red Cross seminars be held to seek practical ways of enabling the Red Cross to participate more effectively in the cause of safeguarding peace and preventing wars.

GENERAL COMMISSION

Agenda item 7

The Red Cross as a Factor in World Peace

Draft Resolution submitted jointly by the
Syrian Red Crescent and the Lebanese Red Cross

The XX1st Conference,

RECALLING the fundamental principle of non-discrimination on grounds of sex, race, nationality, religion, political opinions or other criteria;

CONSIDERING that racialism is a major factor in disturbances, conflicts and wars;

AWARE of the particular responsibility of the Red Cross in this field;

CONFIDENT in the ideal and humanitarian force of the Red Cross;

URGES the Conference to reaffirm its opposition to discrimination and racialism in any form and its determination to promote the fundamental principles of the Red Cross which are a pledge of respect for the human being;

REQUESTS all States and National Societies actively to work to this end and for the maintenance of peace and the development of co-operation among the nations.

COMMISSION GÉNÉRALE

Point 7 de l'ordre du jour

CROIX-ROUGE - FACTEUR DE PAIX DANS LE MONDE

Projet de résolution présenté par le
Croissant-Rouge syrien et la Croix-Rouge libanaise

La XXII^e Conférence,

Rappelant le principe fondamental en vertu duquel toutes distinctions qui seraient fondées sur le sexe, la race, la nationalité, la religion, les opinions politiques ou tout autre critère analogue, doivent être proscrites;

Considère que le racisme est un facteur majeur des troubles, conflits et guerres;

Consciente de la responsabilité particulière de la Croix-Rouge dans ce domaine, confiante dans l'idéal et dans la force humanitaire de la Croix-Rouge;

Invite la Conférence à réaffirmer son opposition à toute forme de discrimination ou de racisme et sa détermination à promouvoir les principes fondamentaux de la Croix-Rouge, gages du respect de la personne humaine;

Invites tous les Etats et toutes les Sociétés nationales à agir activement dans ce sens et à travailler ainsi au maintien de la paix et au développement de la coopération entre les peuples.

Item 7 of the Agenda

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE MEXICAN
AND SPANISH RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND ADOPTED BY
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (30th SESSION)

THE RED CROSS AS FACTOR IN WORLD PEACE

Recalling that through its Basic Principle of Humanity the Red Cross promotes mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

for more than a century has been undertaking humanitarian activities, in particular characterised by a spirit of peace and universal understanding.

Noting nevertheless that the Red Cross has not succeeded in obtaining the results expected, although its activities have contributed to creating a climate of concord and brotherhood.

Deploring more than ever before the manifestations of hatred and the existence of discrimination in various parts of the world which are both obstacles to international understanding and prevent the establishment of a climate of lasting peace.

Convinced that an efficient action for peace should take the form of the education of men for peace, which is just as necessary as teaching reading, writing and basic hygiene.

Stressing that all education for peace should in priority be concentrated on youth to create or strengthen among young people a new mentality based on the respect of human dignity and the development of friendly relations between nations.

Considering the Declaration of the United Nations on the promotion among youth of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples, adopted by acclamation by the United Nations General Assembly on 7 December 1965.

Considering in addition that the Red Cross is a unique universal movement open to all religious beliefs, races and social classes, which draws strength from the living force represented by its millions of volunteers and maintains unique relations with Governments.

Deems that the Red Cross should undertake more systematic, coordinated concrete action among adolescents and young children for the maintenance and promotion of peace, which could, however, be gradually extended to all sections of the community.

Recommends for this purpose that the League of Red Cross Societies in collaboration with the ICRC launch a programme for the education of youth peace based on a previous study intended to define the contents and means of implementation.

COMMISSION GENERALE
LA CROIX-ROUGE, FACTEUR DE PAIX

Point 7 de l'ordre du jour

Projet de résolution présenté par les
Croix-Rouges mexicaine et espagnole
et adopté par le Conseil des Gouverneurs (30e Session)

La Conférence internationale,

Rappelant que par son Principe fondamental d'Humanité, la Croix-Rouge favorise la compréhension mutuelle, l'amitié, la coopération et une paix durable entre les peuples,

Rendant hommage aux efforts inlassables de la Croix-Rouge qui, depuis plus d'un siècle, se consacre à des activités humanitaires, empreintes essentiellement d'un esprit de paix et de concorde universelle,

Constatant néanmoins que la Croix-Rouge n'est pas parvenue aux résultats qu'elle espérait atteindre bien que son activité ait contribué à créer un climat de concorde et de fraternité,

Déplorent plus que jamais les manifestations de haine et l'existence de discriminations dans diverses parties du monde, lesquelles constituent autant d'obstacles à la compréhension internationale et empêchent la création d'un climat de paix durable,

Convaincue qu'une action efficace en faveur de la paix doit se traduire par l'éducation de l'esprit des hommes pour la paix, aussi nécessaire que l'enseignement de la lecture, de l'écriture et de l'hygiène de base,

Soulignant que toute éducation pour la paix doit s'exercer en priorité sur la jeunesse afin de créer ou renforcer en son sein une mentalité nouvelle axée sur le respect de la dignité de l'homme et le développement de relations amicales entre les nations,

Considérant la Déclaration des Nations Unies sur la promotion parmi les jeunes des idéaux de la Paix, du respect mutuel et de la compréhension entre les peuples, adoptée par acclamation par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, le 7 décembre 1965,

Considérant, en outre, que la Croix-Rouge est un mouvement universel ouvert à toutes les croyances, races et classes sociales, s'appuyant sur les forces vives constituées par ses millions de volontaires et entretenant des relations uniques avec les gouvernements,

Estime que la Croix-Rouge se doit d'entreprendre une action concrète et coordonnée plus systématique auprès des adolescents et jeunes enfants pour le maintien et la promotion de la paix, mais susceptible d'être étendue graduellement à tous les secteurs de la population,

Recommande à cet effet que la Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge, en collaboration avec le CICR, entreprenne un programme d'éducation de la jeunesse pour la paix basé sur une étude préalable destinée à en définir le contenu et les moyens de réalisation.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by the Under-Commission created by the General
Commission

Contacts between National Societies in cases of conflict

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

recalling that, according to the principle of humanity which it has proclaimed, the Red Cross "promotes mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and lasting peace amongst all peoples",

recalling that the XXth International Conference in its Resolution No. X encouraged the ICRC to undertake, in constant liaison with the UN and within the framework of its humanitarian mission, every effort likely to contribute to the prevention or settlement of possible armed conflicts in agreement with the States concerned, and asked the Red Cross and Governments to work for the universal and scrupulous application of the Geneva Conventions in all armed conflicts,

considering that the XVIIth International Conference in its Resolution No XXVII in particular considered "essential the development of relations between National Societies of friendly and enemy States",

recommends that in cases of Armed conflicts or of situations which are a threat to peace the ICRC shall, if necessary, ask the representatives of the National Societies of the countries concerned to meet together or separately with the ICRC to study the Resolutions of humanitarian problems involved and in agreement with the Governments concerned to examine what contribution the Red Cross could make to preventing the outbreak of the conflict or achieving a cease-fire or cessation of hostilities,

recommends the National Societies to comply with the request of the ICRC and give it all desirable co-operation in this field.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

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(submitted by the National Societies of Germany (Fed.Rep.),
Morocco, Netherlands, Senegal, Sweden and Switzerland)

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considering that the XVIIth International Conference in its Resolution No: XXVII in particular considered "essential the development of relations between National Societies of friendly and enemy States",

recommends that, in cases of conflict or of situations which are a threat to peace, the ICRC shall, if it considers it advisable, ask the representatives of the National Societies of the countries concerned or of any National Societies whose help might be useful, to meet together or separately with the ICRC to study the humanitarian problems arising and, if circumstances are suitable and the parties concerned are in agreement, what contribution the Red Cross could make towards preventing the conflict and restoring peace,

recommends the National Societies to comply with the request of the ICRC and give it all desirable co-operation in this field,

invites the ICRC, if the latter considers itself unable to organise such meetings itself, to examine the possibility of asking a National Society of a neutral or uncommitted country to take on this task.

GENERAL COMMISSION point 7

AMENDMENT

of the Red Cross Society of the German Democratic Republic to the Draft Resolution "Contacts between National Societies in cases of conflict (presented by the National Societies of Morocco, the Netherlands, German Federal Republic, Senegal, Sweden and Switzerland"

We propose to :

1. Change the title of the resolution as follows:

"Contacts between National Societies in cases of armed conflict".

2. Replace the fourth paragraph by the following new text:

"Recommends that, in cases of armed conflicts or of situations which are a threat to peace, the ICRC shall, if necessary, in agreement with the governments or all Parties involved in the armed conflict, ask the representatives of the National Societies of the countries concerned to meet together or separately with the ICRC to study what contribution the Red Cross could give for preventing the imminent armed conflict, restoring peace and resolving the humanitarian problems created by the armed conflict."

3. Delete the fifth paragraph.
4. Delete the sixth paragraph.

COMMISSION GENERALE

AMENDEMENT

de la Société de la Croix-Rouge de la République Démocratique Allemande au projet de résolution "Contacts entre Sociétés nationales en cas de ~~conflit~~" (présenté par les Sociétés nationales du Maroc, des Pays-Bas, de la République fédérale d'Allemagne, du Sénégal, de la Suède et de la Suisse)

Nous proposons de :

1. changer le titre de la Résolution comme suit : "Contacts entre Sociétés nationales en cas de conflit armé".
2. remplacer le 4e paragraphe du projet de résolution par le texte suivant :

"Recommande qu'en cas de conflits armés ou de situations constituant une menace pour la paix, le CICR, lorsqu'il sera nécessaire, invite, en accord avec les gouvernements ou toutes les Parties engagées dans le conflit armé, les représentants des Sociétés nationales des pays intéressés à se réunir avec lui, ensemble ou séparément, pour examiner la contribution que la Croix-Rouge pourrait apporter à la prévention du conflit armé imminent, au rétablissement de la paix et à la solution des problèmes humanitaires résultant du conflit armé."

3. enlever le 5e paragraphe
4. enlever le 6e paragraphe