

Resolution 8

Submitted by the Standing Finance Commission

Plans and Budgets for 1974 and 1975

The Board of Governors,

RECALLING that the method of financing the central part of the League's Development Programme which is still financed by the ~~Extra~~ordinary Budget has been discussed each year since at least 1965 and that successive meetings of the Board of Governors have recognized the importance of financing the Programme through the Ordinary Budget of the League;

NOTING however that it has been thought necessary to continue on a temporary basis the practice of financing this Programme largely from voluntary contributions from National Societies;

REALIZING that the bulk of such voluntary contributions have habitually come from a very few Societies and have never been adequate to sustain the Programme at the level approved by the Board of Governors;

BELIEVING that the work of the Development Programme is of prime importance to Red Cross and that its continuance is threatened by a constant lack of funds, and that the financial situation will probably worsen unless action is taken;

RECALLING also that the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Development recommends that the Social Welfare Unit of the League Secretariat be strengthened by additional permanent staff, noting finally that the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Expert Working Group recommends that the function of the League's Secretariat in promoting the development of Red Cross activities in the field of blood transfusion be extended and that the League staff be reinforced to fulfil the tasks for which it is responsible.

APPROVES the plans and budgets as presented by the Secretary General for 1974 and 1975 covering the following amounts:

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		<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Ordinary Budget	Sw.Fr.	5,949,000	6,583,000
Extraordinary Budget	"	1,317,000	1,452,000
Special Budgets	"	299,000	440,000

Further, having considered recommendations from the Standing Finance Commission,

APPROVES an augmentation of the Ordinary Budgets of 5% for 1974 and 5% for 1975. Part of this increase in the Ordinary Budget each year to cover expenditure contained in the Extraordinary Budgets for the same years.