

Cross, so that they can use the frequencies allotted to the ICRC by the International Telecommunication Union to establish contact between themselves and with the institutions of the Red Cross in Geneva.

Resolution 15—*To ask the ICRC to appoint a delegate to visit each country in the area for the purpose of training National Societies staff in the organization and handling of tracing services.*

SIXTH CONFERENCE OF ARAB RED CRESCENT AND RED CROSS SOCIETIES

This regional conference, organized by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, was held in Kuwait from 11 to 14 February 1974. It was attended by representatives of the Societies of the following thirteen countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. The League was represented by its Secretary General Mr. Beer and by Mr. Kiamouch, the regional officer for North Africa and the Near East, while the ICRC was represented by Mr. P. Gaillard, Deputy Director, and Mr. J.-P. Hocké, Director of Operations.

The conference dealt with items such as the follow-up of the recommendations of the Conference held in Amman in 1973; an Arab institute for the training of volunteers; co-operation in providing first-aid and other humanitarian services during the pilgrim season, and consideration of increased financial aid for the ICRC. Discussions also focused on work in the field of international humanitarian law, in the context of the Diplomatic Conference to be held in Geneva, and ICRC activities in the Indian sub-continent and the Philippines.

The question of the dissemination of the Geneva Conventions was also studied by the participants, who welcomed the ICRC's

endeavour to publish documents relating to the Conventions as far as possible in Arabic, and expressed the hope for intensified action in a recommendation reading thus:

“ The Conference recommends that Arab National Societies should do their best and utilize their full capacity for the spreading of the International Humanitarian Regulations and the Geneva Conventions on a wide scale, due to the importance of circulating such regulations and making them known to everybody for the sake of human benefit.”

Another recommendation, which we also quote, relates to the financing of the ICRC:

“ The Conference, taking into consideration the basic role of the International Committee of the Red Cross in giving direct help to the victims of war, especially in the Middle East and the Indian sub-continent, and in the development of the International Humanitarian Regulations,

Also taking into consideration that all parties to the Geneva Conventions are obliged to give financial support to the Committee to enable it to continue with its commission,

Exhorts all Arab Governments to give a yearly financial help to the Committee as previously requested by the resolution of the XXIInd International Conference of the Red Cross, held in Teheran in November 1973;

And asks the National Societies to help in this respect by approaching their governments, so that we can all support the efforts exerted by the ICRC.”

The representatives of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies adopted eight resolutions on various subjects discussed. It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Saudi Arabia and organized by that country's Red Crescent Society.