

ANNEX I

DRAFT AGREEMENT RELATING TO HOSPITAL ZONES AND LOCALITIES

ARTICLE 1. — Hospital zones shall be strictly reserved for the persons named in Article 23 of the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in the Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949, and for the personnel entrusted with the organization and administration of these zones and localities, and with the care of the persons therein assembled.

Nevertheless, persons whose permanent residence is within such zones shall have the right to stay there.

ART. 2. — No persons residing, in whatever capacity, in a hospital zone shall perform any work, either within or without the zone, directly connected with military operations or the production of war material.

ART. 3. — The Power establishing a hospital zone shall take all necessary measures to prohibit access to all persons who have no right of residence or entry therein.

ART. 4. — Hospital zones shall fulfil the following conditions:

- a) They shall comprise only a small part of the territory governed by the Power which has established them.
- b) They shall be thinly populated in relation to the possibilities of accommodation.
- c) They shall be far removed and free from all military objectives, or large industrial or administrative establishments.
- d) They shall not be situated in areas which, according to every probability, may become important for the conduct of the war.

ART. 5. — Hospital zones shall be subject to the following obligations:

- a) The lines of communication and means of transport which they possess shall not be used for the transport of military personnel or material, even in transit.
- b) They shall in no case be defended by military means.

ART. 6. — Hospital zones shall be marked by means of red crosses (red crescents, red lions and suns) on a white background placed on the outer precincts and on the buildings. They may be similarly marked at night by means of appropriate illumination.