

"Subject to the reservation that, while respecting the inviolability of the distinctive signs and emblems of the Convention, Israel will use the Red Shield of David on the flags, armllets and on all equipment (including hospital ships), employed in the medical service."

(3) Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

"Subject to the reservation that, while respecting the inviolability of the distinctive signs and emblems provided for in Article 38 of the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949, Israel will use the Red Shield of David as the emblem and distinctive sign provided for in this Convention."

## ITALY

Mr. AURITI, Ambassador, made the following declaration concerning the Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and Resolutions 6, 7 and 9 of the Diplomatic Conference of Geneva :

(1) Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

"The Italian Government declares that it makes a reservation in respect of the last paragraph of Article 66 of the Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War."

(2) Resolution 6 of the Diplomatic Conference of Geneva.

"Whereas the Conference has recommended 'that the High Contracting Parties will, in the near future, instruct a Committee of Experts to examine technical improvements of modern means of communication between hospital ships, on the one hand, and warships and military aircraft, on the other', the Italian Government expresses the hope that the said Committee of Experts may be convoked, if possible, during the coming months, in order that they may draw up an international code of rules for the use of the above means of communication.

"The Italian Armed Forces are at present engaged in making a thorough study of the above subject and will, if necessary, be ready to submit concrete proposals of a technical nature as a basis for discussion."

(3) Resolution 7 of the Diplomatic Conference of Geneva.

"The Italian Government is prepared to arrange that, whenever conveniently practicable, hospital ships shall frequently and regularly broadcast particulars of their position, route and speed."