## COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

## RESOLUTION (87) 12

## ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN BANK OF FROZEN BLOOD OF RARE GROUPS, IN AMSTERDAM

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 22 October 1987 at the 411th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the Central Laboratory of the Netherlands Red Cross Blood Transfusion Centre established a European Bank of Frozen Blood of Rare Groups in Amsterdam in 1969;

Considering that, in accordance with Resolution (68) 32, an annual subsidy was granted by the Council of Europe towards the running and maintenance costs of the said European bank for a period of five years, namely 1969 to 1973;

Considering that, in accordance with Resolutions (73) 26, (78) 45, (81) 7 and (84) 1, the Council of Europe renewed the annual subsidy of 11 000 guilders for a further period from 1974 to 1987;

Considering that, in accordance with Resolution (75) 5, the Council of Europe increased the said subsidy to 14 300 guilders from 1975 onwards;

Considering that at the 207th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, in February 1972, the Committee of Ministers decided that the Council of Europe should pay the costs incurred by each contributor sending blood to the bank, up to a total of 5 000 guilders per year;

Noting that national blood banks of a similar type which have already been established cannot take over all the functions of the European bank for a number of years, as it would still be impossible for them to collect a sufficient number of units of blood from the different kinds of very rare donors,

## Resolves:

- i. to continue to grant an annual subsidy of 14 300 guilders towards the running and maintenance costs of the European Bank of Frozen Blood of Rare Groups plus 5 000 guilders for postal expenses for a new period of four years, namely 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, to be provided for in the budgets for the said years and to be paid to the Central Laboratory of the Netherlands Red Cross Blood Transfusion Centre in Amsterdam;
- ii. to invite Finland to share in the above-mentioned expenses on the same basis as for the period 1974-1987.