

FEDERAL LAW

on the All-Russian Non-Government Organization “Russian Red Cross”

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Article 1. Relationships Governed by this Federal Law

This Federal Law defines the legal status of the All-Russian Non-Government Organization “Russian Red Cross” (hereafter, the Russian Red Cross), the goals and objectives of the Russian Red Cross, the structure of the Russian Red Cross, and the institutional and property arrangements for the Russian Red Cross activity.

Article 2. Legal Status of the Russian Red Cross

1. The Russian Red Cross is the only national Red Cross society carrying out its activities on the Russian Federation territory, is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and member of the International

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (hereafter, the International Movement and International Federation, respectively).

2. The Russian Red Cross is an all-Russian non-government organization registered as a legal entity and operating on the entire territory of the Russian Federation. Membership in the Russian Red Cross is open to any citizen of the Russian Federation or a foreign citizen or stateless person legally staying in the Russian Federation and engaged in the activities of the Russian Red Cross, except as otherwise provided by federal laws.

3. The Russian Red Cross shall operate under the Constitution of the Russian Federation, this Federal Law, other federal laws and other statutory instruments of the Russian Federation, international treaties to which the Russian Federation is a party, including the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field, the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, adopted in the city of Geneva on the 12th of August, 1949 (hereafter, the Geneva Conventions), Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) and Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions

of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), adopted in the city of Geneva on the 8th of June, 1977 (hereafter, the Additional Protocols), as well as the Statutes of the All-Russian Non-Government Organization “Russian Red Cross” (hereafter, the Russian Red Cross Statutes) and internal documents of the Russian Red Cross, the Statutes of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Constitution of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and other documents adopted within the framework of the International Movement’s activities. Provisions of the Russian Federation law are applicable to the operations of the Russian Red Cross subject to provisions of this Federal Law.

4. The Russian Red Cross is the legal successor of the USSR Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and successor to the traditions of the Care Society for the Wounded and Sick Soldiers established in 1867 and renamed the Russian Red Cross Society in 1879.

5. The constituent document of the Russian Red Cross shall be the Statutes of the Russian Red Cross adopted by the Russian Red Cross Congress. Internal documents of the Russian Red Cross may be adopted following the procedure envisaged by the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

6. In the accomplishment of objectives assigned to the Russian Red Cross, the interests of the State shall be represented, on behalf of the Russian Federation

and within their competence, by federal executive bodies authorized by the Russian Federation Government, following the procedure established by the Russian Federation Government.

Article 3. Fundamental Principles of Russian Red Cross Operation

As part of the International Movement, the Russian Red Cross shall operate in conformity with the fundamental principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality, as defined in the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Article 4. Goals and Objectives of the Russian Red Cross

1. The goals of Russian Red Cross operations shall be to provide charitable, humanitarian, medical, social, socio-medical and other types of assistance, improve the quality of life and life expectancy of the population, and distribute relevant knowledge.

2. To attain its operational goals, the Russian Red Cross shall interact with state and municipal authorities, legal entities and individuals, as well as international and (or) foreign organizations in pursuing the following objectives:

1) provide assistance to victims of emergencies, hostilities and armed conflicts as well as to displaced persons, refugees and other foreign citizens and stateless persons staying in the Russian Federation;

2) provide assistance to people in distress;

3) participate in rescue operations and the restoration of vital community facilities following emergencies, and otherwise engage in post-emergency recovery operations within the Russian Federation, as well as in foreign countries in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (hereafter, the International Committee), the International Federation and national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies of foreign countries, and the Russian Federation Government in conformity with the Russian Red Cross Statutes, the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement, and regulations established within the International Movement;

4) arrange and provide care for those who need it;

5) implement activities to prevent infectious and non-infectious diseases, promote and facilitate healthy lifestyles;

6) arrange the collection, safekeeping, delivery, distribution and issue of humanitarian aid and donations received from the International Committee, International Federation, legal entities including international and (or) foreign organizations, and individuals including foreign citizens;

7) participate in activities to promote the donation of blood and its components, including activities popularizing non-remunerated donation of blood and (or) its components through the implementation and support of social initiatives aimed at promotion of non-remunerated donation of blood and its components, donation of marrow and hematopoietic stem cells;

8) provide psychological counseling and support to the general public;

9) perform, pursuant to the Federal Law “On Education in the Russian Federation” No. 273-FZ of December 29, 2012, educational activities under pre-school education, basic vocational and further education programs, and engage in public awareness campaigns aimed, in particular, to disseminate knowledge about international humanitarian law, including provisions of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols, about the Fundamental Principles of the International Movement, and about the Russian Red Cross and its activities;

10) train the general public to administer first aid and to provide care to individuals with full or partial incapacity to care for themselves;

11) carry out activities aimed at protecting the Red Cross name, the Russian Red Cross name, the Red Cross emblem, the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype), other emblems and distinctive symbols enshrined in the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols, pursuant to the Russian Federation law;

12) engage in collection and maintenance of data on persons reported missing in the aftermath of emergencies, hostilities, armed conflicts for the purpose of tracing such persons and restoring family links, assist in the tracing of such persons and reunification of families, assist in obtaining information on preservation of graves of Soviet warriors killed in action during

the Great Patriotic War, engage in the tracing of displaced persons, refugees and other foreign citizens and stateless persons staying in the Russian Federation, for the purpose of reconnecting them with their families;

13) pursue other objectives within the competence of the Russian Red Cross as a Red Cross national society, as defined in the Russian Federation law, the Geneva Conventions, the Additional Protocols, the Russian Red Cross Statutes, the Statutes of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Constitution of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other international documents.

3. Activities in pursuance of the goals and objectives specified in this Article shall be performed by the Russian Red Cross in respect of Russian Federation citizens, foreign citizens and stateless persons irrespective of their sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, language, age, health status, background, wealth, official position, place of residence, religious beliefs, political convictions, membership in public associations or other circumstances.

Article 5. The Structure of the Russian Red Cross

1. The Russian Red Cross shall perform activities in pursuance of the goals and objectives assigned to it by this Federal Law, and shall have the following structure:

- 1) regional branches of the Russian Red Cross;
- 2) local branches of the Russian Red Cross.

2. Regional branches of the Russian Red Cross shall be established in the constituent entities of the Russian Federation. Local branches of the Russian Red Cross shall be established in municipal entities.

3. The procedure for the establishment, operation and termination of regional branches of the Russian Red Cross and local branches of the Russian Red Cross shall be defined by the Russian Red Cross Statutes and internal documents of the Russian Red Cross in conformity with the Federal Law “On Public Associations” No. 82-FZ of May 19, 1995.

4. The Russian Red Cross may have specialized structural units to perform educational activities.

5. The Russian Red Cross may act as founder of legal entities except for public associations constituted as political parties.

Article 6. **Bodies of the Russian Red Cross**

1. The governing bodies of the Russian Red Cross shall be the Russian Red Cross Congress, the Russian Red Cross Governing Board, and the President of the Russian Red Cross.

2. The Russian Red Cross Congress shall be the supreme governing body of the Russian Red Cross.

3. The permanent collective executive body of the Russian Red Cross shall be the Russian Red Cross Governing Board, elected by the Russian Red Cross Congress.

4. The individual executive body of the Russian Red Cross carrying out management of Russian Red Cross activities shall be the President of the Russian Red Cross, elected by the Russian Red Cross Congress.

5. The body exercising internal control of Russian Red Cross financial operations and statutory activities (hereafter, internal control body) shall be the Central Auditing Commission of the Russian Red Cross, elected by the Russian Red Cross Congress.

6. For the purpose of implementing Russian Red Cross activities, and to enable the functioning of the Russian Red Cross governing bodies, the internal control body, Russian Red Cross regional branches and Russian Red Cross local branches in the manner as defined the Russian Red Cross Statutes, the Russian Red Cross Headquarters shall be established.

7. The procedure for the establishment, operation and termination of powers of the Russian Red Cross governing bodies, internal control body and the Russian Red Cross Headquarters, their decision-making procedure and competencies shall be outlined in the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

Article 7. Rights and Obligations of Russian Red Cross Members

1. Russian Red Cross members shall have the right to:

1) participate in Russian Red Cross activities, including actions conducted by the Russian Red Cross;

2) elect and be elected to bodies of Russian Red Cross regional branches and Russian Red Cross local branches, bodies of the Russian Red Cross following the procedure specified in the Russian Red Cross Statutes and internal documents of the Russian Red Cross;

3) exercise other rights as provided in the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

2. Russian Red Cross members shall comply with the requirements of the Russian Red Cross Statutes and internal documents of the Russian Red Cross, act to further the goals of the Russian Red Cross and facilitate its development.

3. Russian Red Cross members shall pay membership fees in the manner and amount specified in the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

4. The rights and obligations of Russian Red Cross members, grounds and procedure for admission to and termination of the membership of the Russian Red Cross, and the use of membership fees shall be defined in the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

Article 8. Property of the Russian Red Cross

1. The Russian Red Cross shall own its property. The Russian Red Cross shall be liable to the full extent of its property. The Russian Federation shall not be liable for debts of the Russian Red Cross, and the Russian Red Cross shall not be liable for debts of the Russian Federation.

2. The sources and the procedure for the formation of assets and the use of funds of the Russian Red Cross shall be defined by the Russian Federation law and the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

3. To pursue and achieve its objectives (charitable, humanitarian and social), the Russian Red Cross may accept donations and assistance, in any form and in any manner compliant with the Russian Federation law, from legal entities including international and (or) foreign organizations, and from individuals including foreign citizens.

4. Russian Red Cross property shall be used solely for the purpose of furthering the goals and objectives within the competence of the Russian Red Cross as per Article 4 of this Federal Law.

Article 9. Russian Red Cross Volunteers

1. The Russian Red Cross shall recruit volunteers on a regular or temporary basis to perform volunteer work towards achieving the objectives specified by this Federal Law and the Russian Red Cross Statutes, and shall supervise their activities.

2. The procedure for recruitment, registration and management of Russian Red Cross volunteers, as well as their rights and obligations shall be regulated by the Russian Federation law, the Russian Red Cross Statutes, and internal documents of the Russian Red Cross.

Article 10. **Red Cross Name, Red Crescent Name, Russian Red Cross Name, Red Cross Emblem, Red Crescent Emblem, Russian Red Cross Emblem (Logotype)**

1. To identify its operations, the Russian Red Cross shall use the self-designation “Russian Red Cross” and the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype), as well as the Red Cross name and the Red Cross emblem, which are protected and used under the Geneva Convention and the Additional Protocols. The visual representation of the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype) shall be defined by the Russian Red Cross Statutes.

2. The rules regarding the use of the Red Cross name, the Red Crescent name, the Russian Red Cross name, the Red Cross emblem, the Red Crescent Emblem, and the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype) in the Russian Federation shall be defined by the procedure established by the Russian Federation Government in conformity with the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols.

3. The Russian Federation shall ensure protection of the Red Cross name, the Red Crescent name, the Russian Red Cross name, the Red Cross emblem, the Red Crescent Emblem, and the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype), envisaged by the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols, pursuant to the Russian Federation law.

4. Illegal use of the Red Cross name, the Russian Red Cross name, the Red Crescent name, the Red Cross emblem, the Red Crescent emblem,

the Russian Red Cross emblem (logotype), which are protected and used under the Geneva Convention and the Additional Protocols, entails liability under the Russian Federation law.

Article 11. Forms of Support Provided to the Russian Red Cross by Government Bodies and Local Authorities

1. The International Federation membership fee shall be paid on behalf of the Russian Red Cross by the Russian Federation from the federal budget pursuant to a relevant act of the Russian Federation Government.

2. Government bodies and local authorities may support Russian Red Cross operations in the following ways:

1) providing subsidies to the Russian Red Cross from the federal budget and other budgets within the Russian Federation budgetary system in the manner and in cases specified in the Russian Federation budget law;

2) providing in-kind support to the Russian Red Cross by way of transferring state or municipal property into its possession and (or) use, to be used in the pursuance of the objectives specified by this Federal Law and the Russian Red Cross Statutes;

3) rendering information support to the Russian Red Cross;

4) shipping of property and humanitarian aid, transporting Russian Red Cross staff, members, volunteers for the Russian Red Cross to accomplish its objectives inside or outside the territory of the Russian Federation;

5) providing other forms of support to the Russian Red Cross as stipulated in the Russian Federation law.

Article 12. Procedure for the Entry into Force of this Federal Law

1. This Federal Law shall enter into force as of February 1, 2026, except for Article 10, paragraph 2 hereof.

2. Article 10, paragraph 2 of this Federal Law shall enter into force as of September 1, 2026.

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of the Russian Federation

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