

Statutes of the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization “Russian Red Cross”

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Article 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization “Russian Red Cross” (hereinafter — “RRC”) is an independent all-Russian non-governmental association established on a membership basis.

1.1.1. The full name of the RRC in Russian is Общероссийская общественная организация «Российский Красный Крест».

The abbreviated names in Russian are «Российский Красный Крест» and «РКК».

1.1.2. The RRC full name in English is the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization “Russian Red Cross”.

The abbreviated names in English are “Russian Red Cross” and RRC.

1.2. The RRC conducts its activities in accordance with the Constitution and legislation of the Russian Federation, rules of international humanitarian law enshrined in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols, the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Constitution of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the present Statutes, acting on the basis of the principles of voluntary service, equality of rights, self-government, legality and transparency, with a view to implementing the ideas of humanism and compassion for people, as well as of conducting humanitarian activities of public relevance to the benefit of the most vulnerable, and providing assistance to public authorities and local government bodies in the humanitarian field.

RRC activities are guided by the resolutions of the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and of the Council of Delegates.

1.3. The RRC is the legal and sole successor and the continuer of the traditions of the Russian Red Cross Society founded on 15 May 1867, in accordance with the Geneva Conventions for the Protection of War Victims, and of the RSFSR Red Cross Society.

1.4. The RRC, recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross on 15 October 1921, and being the legal successor of the USSR Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, is a component of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (hereinafter — Movement), and the sole recognized Red Cross national society which exists and acts in the territory of the Russian Federation in full conformity with the Fundamental Principles of the Movement:

1.4.1. Humanity: the Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

1.4.2. Impartiality: the Movement makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

1.4.3. Neutrality: in order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

1.4.4. Independence: the Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

1.4.5. Voluntary service: it is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

1.4.6. Unity: there can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

1.4.7. Universality: the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

1.5. Acting as an auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field, the RRC maintains its autonomy to be able to act at all times in full conformity with the Fundamental Principles of the Movement. Unfailing and universal respect by the Russian Government, as a party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols, for the commitment of the RRC to these Principles, is an indispensable precondition for the existence and activities of the RRC as the National Red Cross Society of the Russian Federation.

1.6. The RRC carries out its activities across the whole territory of the Russian Federation.

1.7. The RRC exercises its rights and responsibilities as provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation for non-governmental associations.

1.8. The RRC is a legal entity and has been one since the date of its state registration; it owns separate property; it may acquire on its behalf and exercise property and non-property rights, incur liabilities, enter into transactions, contracts, agreements, etc.; and act as plaintiff and defendant in a court of law. The RRC does not assume the liabilities of its members and structural units, except for the cases provided for by the present Statutes and the legislation of the Russian Federation.

1.9. The RRC has a seal with its full name in Russian, stamps and forms.

1.10. The RRC has an emblem and a flag in accordance with Article 2 of the present Statutes.

1.11. On behalf of the RRC, the legal entity rights shall be exercised by the RRC Governing Board, which is the RRC standing collective governing body.

1.12. The RRC Governing Board, as the RRC standing collective governing body, is located in Moscow, Russian Federation.

Article 2. RED CROSS NAME AND EMBLEM

2.1. The RRC is the only national organization in the territory of the Russian Federation, which, according to provisions of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, may, in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the Regulations on the use of the Emblem of the Red Cross or the Red Crescent by the National Societies (1991), make use of the name and the distinctive emblem of the Red Cross for its activities, including for identification of goods, works and services, created, carried out, and provided by both the RRC alone and by the RRC jointly with other organizations on the basis of a permission granted by the RRC.

2.2. The RRC emblem is a heraldic image of a red cross on a white background consisting of two straight (vertical and horizontal) lines of equal length and width crossing in the middle at the right angle, which do not reach the edges of the background. The length-to-width ratio of the stroke is 3.4:1.

2.3. The RRC emblem is a circle with a white background limited by a red line, the centre of which features the heraldic emblem of the red cross, with the embowed inscription 'RUSSIAN RED CROSS' in capitals in the original red font. The word RUSSIAN is located at the top, and the phrase RED CROSS, at the bottom of the circle.

2.4. The RRC flag is a rectangular white cloth featuring the image of the heraldic red cross sign in the middle. The length-to-width ratio of the flag is 3:2. The Red Cross is inscribed in the square whose side is equal to 1/2 of the flag length.

2.5. The rules and procedure of the use of the Red Cross name and emblem shall be defined in the respective Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board and based on the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols, as well as on the Regulations on the use of the Emblem of the Red Cross or the Red Crescent by the National Societies, established by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Article 3. RRC GENERAL OBJECT, GOALS AND MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITIES

3.1. The General Object of the RRC activities is to put into practice the ideas of humanism, goodness, mercy and compassion for people, irrespective of their ethnicity and social status, nationality, age, state of health and other similar grounds, and to facilitate their universal inculcation in the public conscience, as well as to preserve and augment national traditions of charitable and benevolent humanitarian aid.

3.2. The Goals of the RRC activities are:

3.2.1. To prevent and alleviate human suffering with complete impartiality, without any discrimination as to ethnicity, race, sex, class, language, religious beliefs, convictions, political opinions, or social status.

3.2.2. To secure safer and healthier life, first of all for the most vulnerable; to protect their lives, physical and moral health, and to improve the quality of their lives.

3.2.3. To promote respect for human personality and dignity.

3.2.4. To promote humanization of social relations both nationally and internationally on the basis of the principles of international law, ideals of charity, humanism and peace; to uphold and promote humanitarian values and ideals.

3.2.5. To promote peace, friendship and harmony among nations; to contribute to prevention of social, national and religious conflicts.

3.2.6. To improve the preparedness of the population of the Russian Federation for emergencies of various nature.

3.2.7. To save human lives and to restore to the full life-sustaining activities after various disasters and crises, and to participate in other ways in overcoming their consequences, including internationally, in conformity with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols.

3.2.8. To promote consolidation of the family's role in society, and to protect motherhood, childhood, and fatherhood.

3.2.9. To contribute to restoration of family links between people separated by war, armed conflict, occupation, natural disasters and other emergencies.

3.2.10. To assist public authorities as regards the implementation of IHL and the protection of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal Emblems in the territory of the Russian Federation.

3.2.11. To facilitate preservation of historical memory and protection of universal human values and humanist ideals.

3.3. In order to reach the aforementioned goals, the RRC engages in the following activities:

3.3.1. Social support to and protection of people, including the improvement of the financial situation of low-income individuals; social rehabilitation of the unemployed, disabled, and other persons who are unable to exercise their rights and pursue their legitimate interests because of their physical or intellectual features or other circumstances, as well as refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants.

3.3.2. Preparation of population for overcoming the consequences of natural and man-made disasters, environmental catastrophes, and other emergencies as well as armed conflicts; prevention of accidents, including through First Aid training of the population.

3.3.3. Comprehensive assistance (including First Aid) to victims of natural and man-made disasters, environmental catastrophes, and other emergencies; to victims of social, ethnic, religious and other armed conflicts covered by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols; and to refugees and internally displaced persons.

3.3.4. Participation through Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and/or the International Committee of the Red Cross in international aid response to armed conflicts, natural disasters, and other emergencies in the territory of other states, in accordance with the policies of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in particular, the Statutes of the Movement and Resolution 11 adopted by the 1921 International Red Cross Conference.

3.3.5. Health, disease prevention and care activities, including medical and social assistance (of different kinds) and providing the most vulnerable and socially disadvantaged strata and groups of people with sanatorium and health improvement services.

3.3.6. Promotion of non-remunerated voluntary donation of blood and its components, as well as tissues and organs in the country.

3.3.7. Hygiene education, promotion of a healthy and socially beneficial lifestyle, prevention of socially dangerous behaviours, improvement of moral and psychological state of people, and promotion of spiritual development of individuals.

3.3.8. Education activities carried out by means of additional general education programmes and additional professional programmes (career enhancement and professional retraining programmes) on providing first aid to victims, taking care of people who are unable to look after themselves, preparing the population for acting in emergencies and for overcoming the consequences of natural and man-made disasters, environmental catastrophes, other emergencies and armed conflict, as well as on preventing accidents; health education, promotion of a healthy and socially beneficial lifestyle, prevention of socially dangerous behaviours, promotion of large-scale non-remunerated voluntary donation of blood and its components, voluntary service, and international humanitarian law.

3.3.9. Activities related to provision of social services to citizens, including: social and domestic services aimed at supporting their daily life-sustaining activities; social and medical services aimed at maintaining and preserving their health through arranging care, supporting health-improvement measures, systematic check-ups to identify health problems; social and psychological services which envisage providing support in changing their psychological state to have them adapted to the social environment; social and pedagogical services aimed at preventing behavioural and developmental deviations in citizens, to foster their positive interests (including in the sphere of leisure), organizing their leisure time; social and work services directed at providing support related to employment and resolving other problems connected with work adaptation; social and legal services to provide legal aid, including free of charge, to protect their rights and legal interests; services to improve the communication potential of citizens whose life-sustaining activities are limited, including children with disabilities.

3.3.10. Facilitation of the exercise of social rights and pursuit of legitimate interests of social groups that are most exposed to dangers that threaten their life, health and their ability to live in conditions of socio-economic security and retain their dignity.

3.3.11. Contribution to the development of civil society institutions in the humanitarian field.

3.3.12. Charitable activities, including in the form of collecting donations and subsequent distribution of various types of humanitarian aid among the population in need, as well as promotion of charity work and volunteerism.

3.3.13. Dissemination of international humanitarian law, the Fundamental Principles and ideals of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

3.3.14. Tracing activities with a view to finding people who went missing in wars, armed conflicts, occupation, natural disasters and other emergencies.

3.3.15. Participation in decision-making by public authorities and local government bodies, including by submitting proposals relating to legal regulation of RRC activities.

3.3.16. Contribution to the preservation of common graves and military burial places in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention relating to the Protection of War Victims of 12 August 1949, as well as memorials and facilities intended to commemorate fallen defenders of the Motherland and fostering respect for them.

3.3.17. Other types of activities not prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation and compliant with the goals of RRC work.

Article 4. RRC MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

4.1. Membership in the RRC is voluntary and open without any discrimination, including as to ethnicity, language, race, sex, social affiliation, nationality, state of health, religious beliefs or political opinions.

4.2. Individuals not younger than 18 years of age, either Russian or foreign nationals or stateless persons who recognize and comply with the RRC Statutes, participated in RRC activities during at least one past year, pay entrance and annual membership fees, do not fall within the restrictions of the legislation of the Russian Federation, and are registered with the respective RRC branches, may be members of the RRC.

4.3. An RRC member may be registered only with one RRC branch — at the place of his/her residence. In the event of changing his/her place of residence, an RRC member shall notify thereof

the RRC branch in which he/she is registered, which shall deregister the member. After that the RRC member shall get registered with the branch at his/her new place of residence.

4.4. RRC members shall pay entrance and annual membership fees in the amount and according to the procedure established by the RRC Congress. The annual membership fees shall be paid in the first half of the calendar year, but not later than a twelve-months period since the day of the previous payment of membership fees. An RRC member shall monitor the date of paying annual fees on his/her own. The Chairs of RRC branches shall have the right to notify RRC members registered with their branches of the necessity to pay annual fees, one month before the date fixed for the membership fees payment. The aims of and procedure for the use of membership fees shall be established by the RRC Governing Board.

4.5. A competent body shall issue a uniform standard membership card approved by the RRC Governing Board to an RRC member. The procedure of manufacture, issue, storage, use and replacement of membership cards by the RRC Headquarters shall be determined by the respective Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board.

4.6. An Honorary Member of the RRC is an honorary title granted to an RRC member who has worked for at least 20 years for the benefit of the RRC or who has made remarkable achievements in this work. The Honorary RRC Member status is defined by the Regulations adopted by the RRC Governing Board.

4.6.1. The RRC Governing Board shall have the right to strip an Honorary RRC Member of his/her title for a violation of the RRC Code of Conduct, committing acts which discredit the RRC and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

4.7. All the RRC members shall have equal rights and equal obligations in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the present Statutes.

4.8. An RRC member shall have the right to:

4.8.1. Elect and be elected to all the RRC elected bodies in accordance with the procedure provided for by the present Statutes, unless otherwise envisaged by them;

4.8.2. Express freely his/her views, participate in discussing any issue regarding the RRC activities;

4.8.3. At the request of the RRC governing bodies, act on behalf of the RRC branch with which he/she is registered or on behalf of the RRC as a whole;

4.8.4. Raise issues related to RRC activities, in any governing and supervisory and auditing bodies of the RRC and make relevant proposals;

4.8.5. Participate in and vote at general meetings (conferences) of the branch with which he/she is registered, and at conferences of higher level and RRC Congresses once he/she is elected delegate of these fora by a general meeting (conference) of the relevant branch;

4.8.6. Participate in the development and implementation of RRC projects and programmes;

4.8.7. Make use of teaching and methodological, scientific and information materials of the RRC;

4.8.8. Receive advice, legal and any other aid from the RRC; be assisted by the RRC in defending his/her legitimate rights and interests;

4.8.9. Receive information on RRC activities and get familiarized with the RRC Statutes without any impediment;

4.8.10. Freely leave the RRC at any time;

4.8.11. Have other rights in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4.9. An RRC member shall:

4.9.1. Know, recognize and observe the RRC Statutes;

4.9.2. Respect and observe the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;

4.9.3. Strictly comply with the RRC Member Code of Conduct;

4.9.4. Participate personally in the vote at General Meetings, Conferences and Congresses if elected delegate. Participation of an RRC member in voting by means of proxy vote is not permitted.

4.9.5. Take an active part in the activities of the RRC branch with which the member in question is registered, and of the RRC as a whole;

- 4.9.6. Personally fulfil and actively facilitate the fulfilment of the decisions of the RRC governing bodies;
- 4.9.7. Pay annual membership fees on time;
- 4.9.8. Handle RRC property and funds with due care;
- 4.9.9. Promote dissemination of the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, the values, goals, objectives and activities of the RRC, and help reinforce the RRC authority and increase its influence on the life of society;
- 4.9.10. Help recruit new RRC members and volunteers;
- 4.9.11. Strengthen the RRC authority and image among the population by his/her own example;
- 4.9.12. Not commit any actions discrediting the RRC (undermining the RRC reputation) and him/herself personally as an RRC member;
- 4.9.13. In due time get deregistered from the relevant RRC branch in the event of changing his/her place of residence and get registered with the branch at his/her new place of residence.
- 4.9.14. Bear other responsibilities in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.
- 4.10. Admission to RRC membership
- 4.10.1. New members of the RRC shall be admitted by the Presidiums of RRC branches or by ad hoc Commissions of the Presidiums of RRC branches, set up for this purpose, from among RRC volunteers who have participated in RRC activities for at least one past year on personal written application on paper or in digital format submitted by the applicant to the authorized body of the respective RRC local branch in the place of the applicant's residence. Requirements to applications in digital format shall be approved by the RRC Governing Board. In the absence of an RRC local branch in the respective municipal unit, such an application shall be directly addressed to the authorized body of the respective RRC regional branch.
- 4.10.2. In addition to such an application, an individual willing to become an RRC member shall pay an entrance fee in the manner and amount determined by the RRC Congress.
- 4.10.3. An applicant shall be deemed an RRC member as from the date on which the relevant decision is taken by the authorized body of an RRC branch. The decision to admit or reject an applicant as an RRC member shall be taken at the next meeting of the Presidium of the RRC branch or at the next meeting of the ad hoc Commission of the Presidium of the RRC branch. Date, time and place of the meeting of the Presidium of the RRC branch or the Commission of the Presidium shall be communicated to the individual at the moment of submitting the personal written application. The rights of an RRC member shall arise on the date on which the decision of admission is taken by the authorized body of the RRC branch.
- 4.10.4. If the application of a person wishing to be admitted is not considered at the next meeting of the Presidium of the RRC branch or the ad hoc Commission of the Presidium, the person wishing to be admitted shall have the right to raise the question of his/her admission as an RRC member with the superior Presidium of the regional branch where the application shall be considered at its next meeting whose date, time and place shall be communicated to the applicant.
- 4.10.5. Should a person wishing to accede to RRC membership fail to meet the criteria defined in paragraph 4.2. of the present Statutes, it may be a reason for refusal. An applicant refused RRC membership may successively appeal to the RRC standing governing bodies of higher levels.
- 4.11. Termination of RRC membership.
- 4.11.1. An RRC member may voluntarily resign from the RRC at any time. The RRC membership shall be terminated on a personal written application by an RRC member submitted to the Presidium of the respective Local/Regional RRC Branch. An RRC member shall cease to have any rights and obligations of an RRC member and shall be deregistered as of the date of reception of his/her application of resignation from the RRC by the relevant authorized body of the RRC branch.
- 4.11.2. RRC membership shall be automatically terminated in the event of:
- death of an RRC member;
 - recognition of legal incapacity of an RRC member according to the established procedure;
 - expiration of 12 months after the date of payment of membership fee if the next annual membership fee has not been paid.

4.11.3. An RRC member may be expelled from the RRC by decision of the Presidium of the RRC branch with which he/she is registered, the Presidium of the RRC branch of a higher level or the RRC Governing Board, in the event of:

- violation by the RRC member of the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
- violation by the RRC member of the RRC Code of Conduct;
- activities of the RRC member conflicting with the RRC statutory goals;
- the RRC member discrediting the RRC and him/herself as an RRC member with his/her actions or negligence in some other way;
- of repeated failure by the RRC member to fulfil his/her duties established by the RRC Statutes;
- repeated violations of the RRC Statutes.

4.11.4. The RRC member concerned shall be notified by a registered letter with a notification, by telegram or via email indicated in the application for the RRC membership as official contact information, or personally at least two weeks prior to the date, of the meeting of the Presidium of the RRC branch (RRC Governing Board), which is to decide on his/her expulsion from the RRC. The RRC member in question shall have the right to personally become familiarized with the prepared materials concerning him/herself and give explanations and an evaluation of his/her actions.

4.11.5. An expelled RRC member may appeal against the decision to expel him/her from the RRC to the Presidium of the higher RRC branch within 10 calendar days. A decision of a higher RRC branch may be appealed against within 10 calendar days to the RRC Governing Board. An appeal against a decision of expulsion from the RRC shall be considered by the respective RRC bodies within two months of the receipt thereof at the most.

4.11.6. An RRC member shall cease to have any rights or obligations of RRC member and shall be deregistered at the end of the 10 days' appeal period unless he/she did not appeal against his/her expulsion.

4.11.7. An expelled RRC member may be accepted again into the RRC upon expiry of one year as of the date of the decision of his/her expulsion from the RRC and after the reasons for the expulsion have been eliminated.

4.12. Annual membership fees are not to be refunded in case of voluntary resignation or expulsion of an RRC member.

4.13. RRC volunteers

4.13.1. RRC volunteers are individuals that participate in RRC activities by providing non-remunerated work (services) to the benefit of the RRC and its beneficiaries.

4.13.2. The procedure of recruitment, registration and management of RRC volunteers, as well as their rights and responsibilities are governed by the Regulation on the RRC Volunteers, approved by the RRC Governing Board.

Article 5. RRC BRANCHES

5.1. The RRC branches are structural units of the National Society, which act on the basis of these Statutes. The branches are accountable to the RRC superior bodies and are under their control and follow decisions of the RRC governing bodies in their work. The RRC branches bear responsibility for their liabilities, including financial ones. The RRC does not bear responsibility for the liabilities of its branches.

5.2. The RRC establishes RRC regional and local branches (hereafter - "Regional Branches" and "Local Branches") in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.3. Local Branch

5.3.1. A Local Branch operates within the territory of the relevant local government body of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation. Only one Local Branch can be set up and operate in the territory of one local government body.

5.3.2. A Local Branch set up within the territory of the relevant local government body of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation shall be part of the Regional Branch set up within the territory of this constituent entity of the Russian Federation.

5.3.3. A Local Branch shall be set up by decision of a General Meeting of RRC members based on the relevant decision of the RRC Governing Board adopted upon considering the relevant request by the Presidium of the respective Regional Branch following consideration of a written application by at least three RRC members residing in the territory of the relevant local government body.

5.3.4. A Local Branch may acquire the status of legal entity based on a decision by the RRC Governing Board and a request of the Presidium of the Regional Branch according to the procedure prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.3.5. A Local Branch shall participate in the work of superior RRC bodies by electing at the General Meeting of the Local Branch delegates to the Conference of the relevant Regional Branch, submitting proposals, draft documents and other materials and discussing them.

5.3.6. A Local Branch is governed by the following governing bodies: its General Meeting and the Presidium elected by the said Meeting.

5.3.7. General Meeting of a Local Branch (hereinafter — “General Meeting”).

5.3.7.1. The General Meeting is the supreme governing collective body of a Local Branch, it is convened by the Presidium of a Local Branch every five years. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened:

- upon decision by the Presidium of a Local Branch;
- upon written request by more than half of the members registered with the Local Branch in question;
- upon decision of the Presidium of the relevant Regional Branch;
- upon decision of the RRC Governing Board.

The date, time and venue of the General Meeting shall be determined by the Presidium of the relevant Local Branch.

5.3.7.2. The General Meeting shall be competent if more than half of the RRC members registered with the relevant Local Branch are attending.

Decisions of the General Meeting shall be taken by a simple majority vote among the members of the Local Branch present at the General Meeting, provided that there is a quorum.

Decisions of the General Meeting on matters of its exclusive competence shall be taken by a qualified majority (2/3) of the votes of the RRC members present at the General Meeting provided that there is a quorum.

The voting procedure shall be determined by the General Meeting. The minutes of the General Meeting are signed by the person presiding over the Meeting and the responsible secretary.

Decisions by the Presidium of a Local Branch may be adopted through an absentee ballot (by poll). Such a vote shall be conducted through exchanging documents by postal, digital or other means of communication which would ensure the authenticity of the messages delivered and their documented confirmation in line with the procedure established by law.

5.3.7.3. The exclusive competence of the General Meeting includes:

- setting priority areas for the activities of the relevant Local Branch;
- electing (including additionally) members of the Presidium and Auditing Commission (Auditor) of the Local Branch for a term of five years, and early termination of their office;
- electing the Chair of the Local Branch for a five-year term, and early termination of his/her office;
- electing delegates from the Local Branch to the Conference of the respective Regional Branch;
- considering and approving reports by the Presidium and Auditing Commission (Auditor) of the respective Local Branch.
- taking decisions on other issues within the exclusive competence of the supreme governing body according to the legislation of the Russian Federation;

5.3.7.4. The General Meeting is entitled to consider any matter of internal activities of the Local Branch.

5.3.8. Between General Meetings, the Local Branch is governed by its Presidium, a standing collective governing body, which exercises the rights of legal entity on behalf of the Local Branch and fulfils its obligations in conformity with the Statutes in the event of the Local Branch acquiring the status of legal entity.

The number of members of the Presidium of a Local Branch shall be established by the General Meeting.

The powers of a Presidium member of a Local Branch shall be terminated early in the event of termination of his/her RRC membership, voluntary resignation or decision by the General Meeting to terminate the powers of the relevant Presidium member of the Local Branch ahead of time.

5.3.9. Presidium of a Local Branch.

5.3.9.1. The Presidium of a Local Branch is a standing elected governing collective body of a Local Branch and ensures the implementation of decisions by superior RRC governing bodies.

The competence of the Presidium of a Local Branch includes:

- deciding on admittance of new RRC members and on exclusion from RRC membership;
- electing deputy Chair of the Local Branch for a five-year term, and early termination of his/her powers;
- deciding on creation of other legal entities by the Local Branch and on participation of the Local Branch in other legal entities if the Local Branch is a legal entity;
- approving annual reports and accounting (financial) documentation of the Local Branch and submitting them to the Regional Branch to which the Local Branch belongs, and to the RRC.

The Presidium of a Local Branch shall exercise other powers which are not contrary to the RRC Statutes or to the legislation of the Russian Federation and which are outside the competence of the General Meeting.

5.3.9.2. Meetings of the Presidium of a Local Branch shall be held as often as necessary but at least once every three months.

The Presidium of a Local Branch shall be competent to take decisions (has a quorum) if at its meeting more than half of its elected members are present (taking part in its proceedings) not counting those whose powers have been terminated by the moment of vote in accordance with the procedure envisaged by the RRC Statutes (more than half of the number of the elected after it has been reduced by the number of those who have ceased being members).

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Presidium of the Local Branch present at its meeting provided that there is a quorum.

The voting procedure shall be determined by the Presidium of the Local Branch. The minutes of a meeting of the Presidium of a Local Branch shall be signed by the person presiding over the meeting and by the responsible secretary.

5.3.10. The Chair of a Local Branch is the single-person executive body of that Local Branch. The Chair of a Local Branch:

5.3.10.1. Is accountable to the General Meeting of the Local Branch and to superior governing bodies of the RRC.

5.3.10.2. Acts on behalf of the Local Branch without any power of attorney.

5.3.10.3. Exercises general governance of the Local Branch.

5.3.10.4. Ensures the implementation of decisions and resolutions of superior governing bodies of the RRC.

5.3.10.5. Signs documents of the Local Branch and issues powers of attorney.

5.3.10.6. Exercises other powers that are not contrary to the RRC Statutes and to the legislation of the Russian Federation and are outside the competence of the General Meeting and the Presidium of the Local Branch.

5.3.11. The Chair of a Local Branch shall be elected by the General Meeting from among the RRC members who are registered with the relevant Local Branch, by a qualified (2/3) majority present at the General Meeting, for a five-year term.

The same person may not occupy the position of the Chair of a Local Branch for more than three consecutive terms.

5.3.12. In the event of a Local Branch Chair's persistent physical inability to fulfil his/her functions, by decision of the Presidium of the Regional Branch and until a new Chair of the Local Branch is elected, his/her duties shall be fulfilled by the Deputy Chair of the Local Branch or one of the members of the Presidium of the Local Branch who, during this period, acts on behalf of the Local Branch without power of attorney.

The General Meeting to elect the Chair of the Local Branch shall be convened not later than six months from the day on which the powers of the Chair of the Local Branch were handed over to his/her Deputy or to one of the members of the Presidium of the Local Branch.

In the event of registration of the Local Branch as a legal entity, information on the acting Chair of the Local Branch as a person acting on its behalf without power of attorney, shall be put in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.3.13. The Deputy Chair of an RRC Local Branch shall be elected by the Presidium of the Local Branch from among the members of the Local Branch and be responsible for the area of activities assigned by the Chair of the Local Branch; he/she shall be accountable to the Presidium and the Chair of the Local Branch and act as the Chair of the Local Branch in the latter's absence.

The Chair of a Local Branch has the right to delegate part of his/her powers to his/her Deputy by a relevant power of attorney.

5.3.14. The Honorary Chair of a Local Branch is an honorary title granted to an RRC member by the RRC Governing Board at the recommendation of the RRC President. A Local Branch may designate an RRC member as a candidate for the title of Honorary Chair of a Local Branch to the President for consideration. The status of the Honorary Chair of a Local Branch shall be defined by the Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board.

5.4. Regional Branch.

5.4.1. A Regional Branch is a structural unit of the RRC carrying out its activities in the territory of the relevant constituent unit of the Russian Federation.

5.4.2. A Regional Branch shall be set up by decision of a Conference of the relevant Regional Branch, based on a decision by the RRC Governing Board taken upon consideration of a written request by at least three RRC members resident in the territory of the relevant constituent unit of the Russian Federation for setting up such a Regional Branch.

5.4.3. Only one Regional Branch may be set up and function within the territory of one constituent entity of the Russian Federation.

5.4.4. A Regional Branch may acquire the status of a legal entity from the date of state registration on decision by the RRC Governing Board according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.4.5. A Regional Branch shall participate in the work of superior bodies of the RRC by electing delegates to RRC Congresses at the Conference of the Regional Branch, submitting proposals, draft documents and other materials and discussing them.

5.4.6. A Regional Branch is governed by its governing bodies: the RRC Regional Branch Conference and the RRC Regional Branch Presidium elected by the Conference.

5.4.7. RRC Regional Branch Conference (hereinafter — "Conference").

5.4.7.1. The Conference is the supreme governing body of a Regional Branch which is convened once every five years.

An Extraordinary Conference may be convened:

- by decision of the Presidium of a Regional Branch;
- upon written request of more than half of the RRC members registered with the respective Regional Branch or upon written request of more than half of the RRC Local Branches which are part of the respective RRC Regional Branch;
- by decision of the RRC Governing Board.

5.4.7.2. Representation rate for the delegates from Local Branches, the date, time and venue of the Conference are determined by the Presidium of the respective Regional Branch.

5.4.7.3. The Conference shall be competent if attended by elected delegates from Local Branches representing more than half of Local Branches, which are part of the relevant Regional Branch, and by more than half of RRC members registered with the Regional Branch.

Decisions of the Conference shall be taken by a simple majority vote of delegates from Local Branches and RRC members registered with the Regional Branch present at the Conference provided that there is a quorum.

Decisions of the Conference on matters of its exclusive competence shall be taken by a qualified majority (2/3) of the votes of delegates from RRC Local Branches and RRC members registered with the Regional Branch present at the Conference provided that there is a quorum.

The voting procedure shall be determined by the Conference. The minutes of the Conference shall be signed by person presiding over the Conference and responsible secretary.

5.4.7.4. The Chair and members of the Presidium of the Regional Branch, the President and members of the Governing Board of the RRC may be present at the Conference with the right to vote.

5.4.7.5. Exclusive competence of the Conference includes:

- determining priority areas of activity of the Regional Branch;
- electing (including additionally) members of the Presidium and the Auditing Commission (Auditor) of the RRC Regional Branch for a term of five years, and early termination of their office;
- electing the Chair of the Regional Branch, and early termination of his/her office;
- electing delegates from the Regional Branch to take part in an RRC Congress;
- hearing reports of the Presidium and Auditing Commission (Auditor) of the Regional Branch;
- taking decisions on other issues falling within the exclusive competence of a supreme governing body according to the legislation of the Russian Federation;

5.4.7.6. The Conference has the right to consider any issue relative to internal activities of the Regional Branch.

5.4.8. Presidium of a Regional Branch.

5.4.8.1. The standing collective governing body of a Regional Branch — Presidium of the Regional Branch — governs the Regional Branch between Conferences. In the event of a Regional Branch acquiring the status of a legal entity, the Presidium of that Regional Branch shall exercise the legal entity rights and duties on behalf of the Regional Branch.

The number of the Presidium members of a Regional Branch shall be established by the Conference.

The powers of a Presidium member of a Regional Branch shall be terminated early in the event of termination of his/her RRC membership, voluntary resignation or a decision by the Conference to terminate his/her functions as a Presidium member of the Regional Branch ahead of time.

5.4.8.2. Meetings of the Presidium of a Regional Branch shall be convened by the Chair of the regional branch as often as necessary but at least every three months.

Meetings of the Presidium of a Regional Branch shall be competent to take decisions if more than half of its members are present (take part in its proceedings), not counting those whose powers have been terminated by the moment of vote, according to the procedure envisaged in the RRC Statutes (more than half of the number of the elected after it has been reduced by the number of those who have ceased being members).

Decisions of the Presidium of a Regional Branch shall be taken by a simple majority vote of its members present at the meeting, provided that there is a quorum.

The voting procedure shall be determined by the Presidium of a Regional Branch. Minutes of a meeting of the Presidium of a Regional Branch shall be signed by the person presiding over the meeting and the responsible secretary.

Decisions of the Presidium of a Regional Branch may be adopted by absentee ballot (by poll). Such a vote shall be conducted through exchanging documents by postal, digital or other means of communication which would ensure the authenticity of the messages delivered and their documented confirmation in line with the procedure established by law.

5.4.8.3. The following falls within the competence of the Presidium of a Regional Branch:

- governing the Regional Branch;

- ensuring implementation of decisions of the Conference and of superior governing bodies of the RRC;
- deciding on admittance of new members and exclusion from RRC membership;
- forwarding to the RRC Governing Board a list of candidates to participate in the election of the Chair of the Regional Branch from among the RRC members registered with the respective Regional Branch or with a Local Branch which is part of the respective Regional Branch for a decision to be subsequently taken on their preliminary approval by the RRC Governing Board;
- electing the Deputy Chair of the Regional Branch for a five-year term, and terminating his/her powers ahead of time;
- taking decisions with regard to creating other legal entities by the Regional Branch and to participation of the Regional Branch in other legal entities;
- approving annual reports and accounting (financial) documentation of the Regional Branch;
- taking decisions to create the Trustee Council of the RRC Regional Branch in conformity with the Regulations "On the RRC Trustee Council";
- exercising other powers which do not contradict the RRC Statutes or the legislation of the Russian Federation and are not part of the competence of the Conference.

5.4.9. The Chair of a Regional Branch is its single-person executive body.

The Chair of a Regional Branch:

5.4.9.1. exercises general governance over the Regional Branch;

5.4.9.2. acts on behalf of the Regional Branch without any power of attorney;

5.4.9.3. signs documents of the Regional Branch and grants powers of attorney;

5.4.9.4. Exercises other powers that are not contrary to the RRC Statutes and to the legislation of the Russian Federation, and are outside the competence of the Conference or the Presidium of the Regional Branch;

5.4.10. The Chair of a Regional Branch shall be elected for a five-year term by the Conference from among the RRC members registered with the Regional Branch in question or with a Local Branch which is part of the relevant Regional Branch on condition of preliminary approval of his/her candidacy by the RRC Governing board.

The same person may not hold the position of the Chair of a Regional Branch for more than three consecutive terms.

5.4.11. In the event of persistent physical inability of the Chair of a Regional Branch to fulfil his/her functions, on decision of the RRC Governing Board and until a new Chair of the Regional Branch is elected, his/her duties shall be fulfilled by the Deputy Chair of the Regional Branch or one of the members of the Presidium of the Regional Branch who, during this period, acts on behalf of the Regional Branch without power of attorney.

The Conference to elect the Chair of the Regional Branch shall be convened within six months of the day on which the powers of the Chair of the Regional Branch were handed over to his/her Deputy or to one of the members of the Presidium of the Regional Branch.

In the event of registration of the Regional Branch as a legal entity, information on the acting Chair of the Regional Branch as a person acting on its behalf without power of attorney, shall be put in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.4.12. The Deputy Chair of an RRC Regional Branch shall be elected by the Presidium of the Regional Branch from among the members of the Regional Branch and be responsible for the area of activities assigned by the Chair of the Regional Branch; he/she shall be accountable to the Presidium and the Chair of the Regional Branch and act as the Chair of the Regional Branch in the latter's absence.

The Chair of a Regional Branch has the right to delegate part of his/her powers to his/her Deputy by a relevant power of attorney.

5.4.13. The Honorary Chair of a Regional Branch is an honorary title granted to an RRC member by the RRC Governing Board at the recommendation of the RRC President. A Regional Branch may designate an RRC member as a candidate for the title of Honorary Chair of a Regional

Branch to the President for consideration. The status of the Honorary Chair of a Regional Branch shall be defined by the Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board.

5.5. Local and Regional Branches shall:

5.5.1. Respect everywhere the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, provisions of the RRC Statutes and the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5.5.2. Exercise governance over the activities of RRC members and volunteers, coordinate their work and provide necessary training.

5.5.3. Enrol new members and volunteers to the RRC.

5.5.4. Strictly comply with the decisions and instructions of the RRC governing bodies, adhere to the strategy and tactics, and abide by the rules established by the RRC governing bodies.

5.5.5. Make centralized contributions to RRC statutory activities in the manner and amount approved by the RRC Governing Board.

5.5.6. Inform the RRC governing bodies and the authorized state agency of the changes to the composition of their governing bodies in accordance with the established procedure;

5.5.7. Regularly submit accurate reports on their activities to the RRC Governing Board through the RRC Headquarters;

5.5.8. Annually inform the body, which has taken the decision on the state registration of the branch, that their activities will be continued indicating the actual location of their standing governing body, its name and details with regard to its senior staff within the limits of the information to be included in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities.

5.6. Local and Regional Branches have the right to:

5.6.1. Independently carry out humanitarian and statutory activities within the territory of respective local government bodies and constituent entities of the Russian Federation on the basis of the primary needs of its resident population, first of all, of its most vulnerable and destitute representatives.

5.6.2. Independently resolve issues relevant to the activities of the branch within the scope of their competence.

5.7. Independently conclude formal cooperation agreements on specific projects with other organizations with due regard for compliance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and on condition that the drafts of such formal agreements should be approved by the RRC Headquarters.

5.8. The RRC renders, within the limits of its capabilities, technical, material, financial, advisory and methodological support to its Local and Regional Branches and organizes a process of training and enhancing professional skills of their staff and volunteers.

Article 6. RRC GOVERNING BODIES

6.1. The RRC Congress and the RRC Governing Board are the RRC collective bodies (governing bodies).

6.2. The RRC Congress (hereinafter — “Congress”) is the supreme governing body of the RRC.

6.2.1. A regular RRC Congress shall be convened by the RRC Governing Board once in five years.

6.2.2. An extraordinary RRC Congress shall be convened if so decided by the RRC Governing Board or requested in writing by the RRC Central Auditing Commission or by more than half of the regional RRC branches.

6.2.3. The decision to convene a Congress (whether regular or extraordinary) shall be taken at least two months prior to the date thereof. The decision to convene a Congress shall specify: its date, time and venue, representation rate of delegates from Regional Branches and its draft agenda.

6.2.4. Regional Branches shall be notified in writing of the forthcoming RRC Congress by the RRC Governing Board not later than five days after the decision to convene the Congress is taken.

6.2.5. Regional Branches shall have the right to submit their proposals into draft agendas of the Congress. Agenda proposals shall be submitted to the RRC Governing Board upon receipt of the

relevant notification but at least one day prior to the date of the Congress. The RRC Governing Board shall sum up all the agenda proposals submitted by Regional Branches and put them to the delegates' vote at the RRC Congress.

6.2.6. Delegates to the RRC Congress shall be elected on the basis of the representation rate established in the decision of the RRC Governing Board to convene the Congress. The RRC President and the Chair of the Central Auditing Commission have the status of delegates to the Congress.

6.2.7. The Congress shall be competent if delegates representing more than half of Regional Branches are registered and taking part in its proceedings.

6.2.8. Decisions of the Congress shall be taken by a majority of the delegates present at the Congress provided, that there is a quorum. Decisions by the Congress on matters of its exclusive competence shall be adopted by a qualified majority (2/3) of the votes of the delegates present at the Congress provided that there is a quorum. The voting procedure shall be determined by the Congress unless otherwise established by the present Statutes.

6.2.9. Decisions of the RRC Congress shall be formalized as respective records. The minutes of the RRC Congress shall be signed by the person presiding over Congress and the responsible secretary of the Congress.

6.2.10. The RRC Congress shall be competent to decide on all matters of RRC activities, including the establishment, reorganization or dissolution (termination of activities) of Regional and Local Branches; repeal, amend or supplement decisions taken, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

6.2.11. The RRC Congress shall have exclusive competence over:

6.2.11.1. Approving, amending and supplementing the RRC Statutes.

6.2.11.2. Approving the agenda and the Rules of Procedure of the Congress and determining the form of voting on individual issues;

6.2.11.3. Electing (including additionally) members of the RRC Governing Board for a term of five years, and early termination of their office.

6.2.11.4. Electing, (including additionally), members of the RRC Central Auditing Commission for a term of five years, and early termination of their office.

6.2.11.5. Electing the RRC President for a term of five years, and early termination of his/her office.

6.2.11.6. Considering and approving reports of the RRC Governing Board and the RRC Central Auditing Commission.

6.2.11.7. Determining and formulating the policies, general strategy and priorities of RRC activities and development, and principles of generation and use of RRC property.

6.2.11.8. Deciding on reorganization or liquidation of the RRC, on appointing the liquidation commission (liquidating agent) and on approving a liquidation balance sheet.

6.2.11.9. Determining the procedure of admittance of new RRC members and of exclusion from RRC membership

6.2.11.10. Deciding on the amount and procedure of payment by RRC members of their membership fees and other material contributions.

6.2.11.11. Deciding on other matters of the exclusive competence of the supreme body in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

6.2.12. Early termination of office of the RRC Governing Board members, the RRC President and the RRC Central Auditing Commission members may be effected by decision of the Congress if they have taken decisions that violate the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and provisions of the RRC Statutes and contradict decisions of the RRC Congress, as well as if they failed to comply with decisions of the Congress and (or) have committed other actions (omissions) to the detriment of RRC interests.

6.2.13. A proposal to include the issue indicated in para. 6.2.12 of the present Statutes in the agenda shall be made not later than one month prior to the Congress. Upon receipt of such proposal, the RRC Governing Board shall notify thereof the RRC President, the RRC Governing Board members and the RRC Central Auditing Commission within one working day.

6.3. Between Congresses, activities of the RRC shall be governed by the RRC Governing Board, which is a standing collective governing body, elected by and accountable to the Congress.

6.3.1. All members of the RRC Governing Board shall fulfil their functions *pro bono*. The RRC may not pay any remuneration to the Governing Board members for the fulfilment of their functions, excluding compensation of expenses directly related to the participation in the work of the Governing Board.

6.3.2. At the end of their terms, all the RRC Governing Board members may be re-elected by the Congress for a new term.

6.3.3. The RRC Governing Board members as well as Congress delegates shall act solely in the interests of the RRC. In the event of a conflict of interest, the respective member of the Governing Board shall refrain from voting and taking any decisions, and the indicated conflict shall be solved solely in the interests of the RRC.

Should a RRC Governing Board member hold or obtain a high-level position in public service or in a political party, he/she shall resign from membership in the Governing Board by sending a written application for termination of his/her membership in it, which shall stop from the date of submission of the above-mentioned application.

Until his/her RRC Governing Board membership is terminated, the member in question shall do his/her best to make sure that his/her activities in his/her position in public service and/or in a political party outside the RRC do not result in a conflict of interest.

6.4. The RRC Governing Board is a standing governing elected collective body which is elected by the RRC Congress for a term of five years. The number of the RRC Governing Board members shall be determined by the RRC Congress but may not exceed 17 persons.

The powers of an RRC Governing Board member shall be terminated ahead of time in the event of termination of his/her RRC membership, voluntary resignation or decision by the Congress to terminate the powers of an RRC Governing Board member ahead of time.

The right of a legal entity shall be exercised on behalf of the RRC by the standing governing collective body of the RRC — the RRC Governing Board.

6.4.1. Meetings of the RRC Governing Board shall be convened as often as necessary, but at least every three months.

6.4.2. Meetings of the RRC Governing Board shall be convened by the RRC President, and in his/her absence, if so instructed in writing, by a person acting for him/her.

6.4.3. Meetings of the RRC Governing Board shall be presided over by the RRC President or if so instructed in writing, by a person acting for him/her. The RRC Governing Board shall carry out its work in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the RRC Governing Board established by it.

6.4.4. The RRC Governing Board shall be competent if more than half of its elected members are present (participate in its work), not counting those whose powers have been terminated by the moment of vote in accordance with the procedure envisaged by the RRC Statutes (more than half of the number of the elected after it has been reduced by the number of those who have ceased being members). Decisions of the RRC Governing Board shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the RRC Governing Board members who are present at the meeting, provided that there is a quorum. The voting procedure shall be determined by the RRC Governing Board.

6.4.5. Decisions of the RRC Governing Board may be adopted through an absentee ballot (by poll). Such a vote shall be conducted through exchanging documents by postal, digital or other means of communication which would ensure the authenticity of the messages delivered and their documented confirmation in line with the procedure established by law.

6.4.6. The decisions of the RRC Governing Board shall be formalized as respective records. The minutes of an RRC Governing Board meeting shall be signed by the person presiding over the meeting and the responsible secretary.

6.4.7. The Chair of the RRC Central Auditing Commission, the RRC Executive Director and other invited persons have the right to attend a meeting of the RRC Governing Board in their advisory capacity but have no right to vote.

6.4.8. The competence of the RRC Governing Board shall be as follows:

6.4.8.1. It governs over RRC activities between Congresses. It ensures that all the RRC bodies and structures comply with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and provisions of the RRC Statutes.

6.4.8.2. It monitors implementation of RRC Congress decisions.

6.4.8.3. It appoints the auditing organization or the individual auditor of the RRC.

6.4.8.4. It decides on creation of other legal entities by the RRC, on participation of the RRC in other legal entities, on creation of succursals and offices of the RRC and RRC agencies and on their liquidation.

6.4.8.5. It approves annual reports and accounting (financial) documentation of the RRC.

6.4.8.6. It prepares and implements recommendations on amendments to the RRC Statutes and other RRC internal normative documents and ensures their correspondence to the legislation of the Russian Federation and rules, requirements and standards of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

6.4.8.7. It approves the amount of centralized contributions to RRC statutory activities by RRC Regional Branches and the order and procedure of paying them.

6.4.8.8. It approves internal documents, regulations and procedures regulating RRC activities.

6.4.8.9. It approves strategic plans and documents of the RRC.

6.4.8.10. It convenes regular and extraordinary RRC Congresses.

6.4.8.11. It determines the RRC organizational structure.

6.4.8.12. It decides on the establishment, reorganization or liquidation (cessation of activities) of RRC Regional and Local Branches.

6.4.8.13. It defines the expected outcomes of RRC activities for specific periods and sets the criteria to assess the degree of their achievement.

6.4.8.14. It evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of RRC activities.

6.4.8.15. It establishes the representation rate for delegates from RRC Regional Branches to take part in the RRC Congress.

6.4.8.16. It elects the RRC First Vice-President and Vice-Presidents for a five-year term and decides on early termination of their office.

6.4.8.17. It decides on the creation of the RRC Trustee Council.

6.4.8.18. It approves the Regulations on the RRC Trustee Council.

6.4.8.19. It approves the composition and number of members of the RRC Trustee Council.

6.4.8.20. It ensures necessary conditions for successful work of the RRC within the framework of the approved organizational structure. It develops and maintains organizational culture and necessary moral climate in RRC Local and Regional Branches.

6.4.8.21. It approves the staffing structure and the number of staff of the RRC Headquarters.

6.4.8.22. It oversees the RRC Headquarters activities, hears and adopts relevant reports.

6.4.8.23. It defines criteria for selecting target groups and beneficiaries to be provided with assistance and support by the RRC.

6.4.8.24. It approves RRC charity programmes of all levels, hears and receives reports on the progress and outcomes of their implementation.

6.4.8.25. It approves normative documents which regulate RRC work, except for those which fall within the exclusive competence of the Congress.

6.4.8.26. It sets up committees, commissions and groups needed to resolve individual issues of RRC statutory activities; it approves regulations on them and oversees their work.

6.4.8.27. It manages the RRC property.

6.4.8.28. It notifies the territorial body of the federal body of executive power in the relevant constituent entity of the Russian Federation of the existence of an RRC Local and/or Regional Branch, its location and governing bodies as well as provides other information envisaged in the legislation of the Russian Federation.

6.4.8.29. It informs the competent federal body of executive power of the continuation of RRC activities.

6.4.8.30. It submits to the competent public authorities, at their request and in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, decisions of the RRC governing bodies and officials as well as the RRC financial reporting documents.

6.4.8.31. It gives its agreement to (approves) transactions involving RRC immovable property, including its alienation.

6.4.8.32. It tentatively approves candidates for the position of the Chair of a Regional Branch from the list of the RRC members sent by the Presidium of the relevant Regional Branch in line with para. 5.4.8.3 of the present Statutes.

The approval of candidates for the position of the Chair of a Regional Branch shall be effected by a simple majority of votes of the RRC Governing Board members present at the meeting of the RRC Governing Board.

6.4.8.33. It approves candidates who have put forward their candidacies for the position of the RRC President, its approval being of recommendatory nature for the Congress delegates.

6.4.8.34. It develops and approves the Code of Conduct of RRC Members.

6.4.8.35. It exercises other powers which do not contradict the RRC Statutes or the legislation of the Russian Federation and are not part of the RRC Congress competence.

6.4.9. The RRC Governing Board shall have the right to take the decision to terminate or suspend the powers of one of the members of the RRC Governing Board, members of the Presidium of a Regional/Local Branch or of the Presidium of a Regional/Local Branch as a whole and to convene an extraordinary Conference/General Meeting of a Regional/Local Branch in order to elect the necessary number of members of the Presidium or early elections to the Presidium of the relevant branch as a whole in cases provided for by the present Statutes, including:

- violations of the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
- taking decisions which are in contradiction to the present Statutes or decisions of the RRC governing bodies;
- failure to fulfil his/her obligations by a member of the Presidium of a Regional/Local branch without a valid reason;
- failure to fulfil decisions taken by the RRC governing bodies;
- other actions (omissions) detrimental to the RRC interests.

Throughout the period of suspension of the powers of the Presidium of an RRC Regional/Local Branch as a whole and until its new members are elected, its powers shall be exercised by the RRC Governing Board.

6.4.10. The RRC Governing Board shall have the right to suspend the powers of the Chair of a Regional/Local Branch and to convene an extraordinary Conference/General Meeting of the Regional/Local Branch in order to hold early elections of the Chair of the relevant branch in cases provided for by the present Statutes, including:

- violations of the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;
- taking decisions which are in contradiction to the present Statutes or decisions of the RRC governing bodies;
- failure to fulfil his/her obligations by the Chair of the Regional/Local Branch without a valid reason;
- failure to fulfil decisions taken by the RRC governing bodies;
- failure to fulfil decisions taken by the governing bodies of a Regional/Local Branch;
- other actions (omissions) detrimental to the RRC interests.

Throughout the period of suspension of the powers of the Chair of a Regional/Local Branch by decision of the RRC Governing Board, his/her powers shall be exercised by the Deputy Chair of the branch or one of the members of the Presidium of the branch or one of the members of the RRC Governing Board who during this period acts without power of attorney on behalf of the respective branch.

6.4.11. The RRC Governing Board shall have the right to repeal the decisions of the governing bodies and Chairs of Regional and Local Branches, which violate the Fundamental Principles of the

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, are contrary to provisions of the legislation of the Russian Federation or of the present Statutes or to the decisions of the RRC governing bodies; it shall also have the right to convene extraordinary meetings of the governing bodies of Regional and Local Branches.

6.5. The RRC President.

6.5.1. The RRC President is the RRC single-person executive body who shall be elected for a five-year term from among the RRC members who are delegates of the RRC Congress by a qualified majority (2/3) of the votes of the Congress delegates present at the Congress by open ballot provided that there is a quorum.

The same person may not occupy the position of the RRC President for more than three consecutive terms.

6.5.2. The powers of the RRC President may be terminated ahead of time by decision of the Congress. The powers of the RRC President shall also be terminated ahead of time in the event of termination of his/her RRC membership, voluntary resignation or in the event of stable physical inability of the President to carry out his/her functions. In such cases, the RRC President's powers, by decision of the RRC Governing Board, shall be exercised by the RRC First Vice-President or one of the RRC Vice-Presidents or one of the RRC Governing Board members until a new RRC President is elected, who during this period acts without power of attorney on behalf of the RRC.

In the event of early termination of the RRC President's powers, an extraordinary Congress to elect the RRC President shall be convened not later than six months from the day of the termination of the powers of the RRC President. Information on the Acting RRC President as the person who acts on behalf of the RRC without power of attorney shall be put into the Unified State Register of Legal Entities according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

6.5.3. The RRC President

6.5.3.1. Exercises general governance over all the RRC activities reflected in Article 3 of the present Statutes and acts on behalf of the RRC without power of attorney.

6.5.3.2. Presides over the RRC Congresses and the RRC Governing Board meetings.

6.5.3.3. Convenes meetings of the RRC Governing Board.

6.5.3.4. Represents the RRC in foreign public and non-governmental bodies and organizations, including in interaction with Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies.

6.5.3.5. Interacts with the federal bodies of state power of the Russian Federation.

6.5.3.6. Coordinates activities of the RRC governing bodies, Regional and Local Branches.

6.5.3.7. Ensures the implementation of decisions taken by the RRC Congress and Governing Board.

6.5.3.8. Has the right of first signature of the RRC financial documents, opens and closes RRC accounts in banking institutions.

6.5.3.9. Concludes contracts, including labour contracts, and agreements, enters into transactions, grants and signs powers of attorney on behalf of the RRC, signs RRC documents in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the RRC Statutes.

6.5.3.10. Exercises other powers that are not contrary to the RRC Statutes and the legislation of the Russian Federation, and do not fall within the competence of the RRC Congress and RRC Governing Board.

6.6. The RRC Honorary President is an honorary title granted by the Congress. The RRC Honorary President status is defined by the Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board.

6.7. The RRC First Vice-President and Vice-Presidents.

6.7.1. The RRC First Vice-President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the RRC Governing Board from among the RRC Governing Board members for a term of five years, shall be responsible for the area of activities assigned to them by the RRC President, shall be accountable to the RRC Governing Board and the RRC President, and may fulfil the duties of the RRC President in his/her absence.

The RRC President may delegate part of his/her powers to the RRC First Vice-President or one of the RRC Vice-Presidents by virtue of a power of attorney.

6.8. In the event of expiry of the terms of office of the RRC Governing Board members, the RRC President, the RRC First Vice-President and the RRC Vice-Presidents, they retain their powers until new RRC Governing Board members, RRC President, RRC First Vice-President and RRC Vice-Presidents are elected.

Article 7. RRC HEADQUARTERS

7.1. The RRC Headquarters (hereinafter - Headquarters) and the administrations of Regional and Local Branches are set up to determine and carry out practical activities aimed at implementing the strategic course and policies of the RRC, attaining statutory goals and objectives set by the RRC supreme governing bodies and ensuring their activities.

7.2. The Headquarters shall be managed by the RRC Executive Director.

7.3. All employees of the Headquarters and of the administrations of Regional and Local Branches, which have the legal entity status, are staff members. They shall be selected based on a democratic and transparent competition procedure and be appointed (dismissed) in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation upon conclusion (termination) of labour contracts with them. All the above-mentioned workers shall be covered by the legislation of the Russian Federation on labour and social insurance.

7.4. RRC employees (staff members) may be RRC members.

7.5. The main functions assigned to the Headquarters shall be as follows:

7.5.1. To put into practice the provisions of the RRC's approved strategic and programme documents currently in effect.

7.5.2. To organize the process of providing services to the selected target groups and beneficiaries enjoying RRC assistance and support, and to provide practical management of the RRC current programme activities.

7.5.3. To develop and subsequently implement approved financial and other plans and strategies.

7.5.4. To raise funds with a view to ensuring RRC statutory and programme activities and their subsequent rational use with due regard for compliance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

7.5.5. To ensure support for the RRC Central Auditing Commission and the Auditing Commissions of Regional and Local Branches.

7.6. The RRC Executive Director.

7.6.1. The RRC Executive Director is a staff member of the RRC senior management who shall carry out his/her functions on the basis of a fixed-term full-time labour contract concluded with him/her by the RRC President.

7.6.2. The RRC Executive Director carries out his/her functions under the guidance and control of the RRC President and the RRC Governing Board and is fully accountable to them.

7.6.3. The RRC Executive Director shall be appointed by the RRC President subject to approval of the RRC Governing Board for a term not exceeding two years with possible prolongation, based upon the results achieved, and will act to attain objectives set to him/her within the framework of his/her job description approved by the RRC President. The RRC President in agreement with the RRC Governing Board may decide to terminate the labour contract with the RRC Executive Director before the expiration date and to remove him/her from office.

7.6.4. The RRC Executive Director shall be appointed by the RRC President based on results of an open competition and shall meet the established criteria: higher education, professional experience, competence, business and personal (moral) qualities, lack of conflict of interest, etc., and his/her plan of attaining objectives, set by the RRC Governing Board. Candidacies for the position of the RRC Executive Director shall be selected by the relevant competition commission and submitted by the RRC President for approval of the RRC Governing Board.

7.6.5. The RRC Executive Director:

- leads the Headquarters and manages its activities;
- represents the RRC on the basis of a power of attorney granted by the RRC President;

- signs documents of the Headquarters.

7.6.6. The RRC Executive Director has the following responsibilities:

7.6.6.1. To put into practice decisions of the RRC governing bodies and the RRC President and provisions of all RRC strategic and programme documents;

7.6.6.2. To provide organizational, administrative, logistic, technical and legal support to the activities of the RRC governing bodies, including preparation of RRC Congresses and meetings of the RRC Governing Board.

7.6.6.3. To organize centralized registration of RRC members.

7.6.6.4. To organize the training process of RRC members, volunteers, staff and leadership.

7.6.6.5. To submit reports on the activities of the Headquarters to the RRC governing bodies.

7.6.6.6. To fulfil assignments of the RRC Governing Board and the RRC President.

7.6.7. The RRC Executive Director exercises the rights envisaged in the present Statutes on the basis of a power of attorney granted to him/her by the RRC President.

7.6.8. Activities of the Headquarters and of the RRC Executive Director shall be governed by the Regulations “On the RRC Headquarters” and “On the RRC Executive Director” approved by the RRC Governing Board.

7.7. Executive Directors of Local and Regional branches.

7.7.1. Those RRC Local and Regional Branches that have the status of legal entity may include the position of Executive Director of a Local or Regional Branch into their staffing tables.

Executive Directors of branches shall be appointed by branch Chairs, subject to approval of the Presidium of the respective branch, based on results of an open competition for a term not exceeding two years with possible prolongation based upon the results achieved.

7.7.2. The Executive Directors of Local and Regional Branches:

- head the administrations of the respective branch and manage its activities;
- represent the interests of the respective branch by virtue of a power of attorney;
- sign documents of the administration of the respective branch.

7.7.3. The Executive Directors of Local and Regional Branches have the following responsibilities:

7.7.3.1. To put into practice decisions of the governing bodies of the respective branch;

7.7.3.2. To shape the structure of and recruit personnel for the administration of the respective branch;

7.7.3.3. To provide organizational, administrative, logistic, technical and legal support for the activities of the governing bodies of the respective branch, including preparation of General Meetings, Conferences and Presidium meetings;

7.7.3.4. To submit reports on the activities of the administration to the governing bodies of the respective branch.

7.7.4. The activities of the administrations and the Executive Directors of RRC Local and Regional Branches shall be governed by the Regulations “On the Administration and Executive Director of an RRC Regional Branch” and “On the Administration and Executive Director of an RRC Local Branch” approved by the RRC Governing Board.

Article 8. RRC SUPERVISORY BODIES

8.1. The RRC Central Auditing Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the CAC”) is the RRC supervisory and auditing body, which supervises the financial, economic and statutory activities of the RRC. The CAC in its work shall be accountable to the RRC Congress.

8.2. The CAC members shall be elected by the RRC Congress for a term of five years from among RRC members by a qualified majority (2/3) of the votes of the delegates present at the Congress, provided that there is a quorum. The number of the CAC members shall be determined by the Congress. The CAC powers shall be valid until the RRC Congress elects a new CAC.

The powers of a CAC member shall be terminated ahead of time in the event of termination of his/her RRC membership, voluntary resignation or decision by the Congress to terminate the powers of a CAC member ahead of time.

8.3. In the performance of its functions and in the exercise of its powers, the CAC shall interact with the RRC governing and executive bodies of all levels.

8.4. Decisions of the CAC taken within its competence shall be binding on, and complied with by, all the RRC standing governing, executive and supervisory auditing bodies of all levels.

8.5. The CAC shall elect from among its members its Chair and, if needed, Deputy Chair(s) for a term of five years by simple majority vote of the CAC members present at the CAC meeting, provided that there is a quorum.

8.7. The CAC Deputy Chair(s) shall operate within their competence and be responsible for the area of activities entrusted to them by the CAC Chair.

8.8. CAC activities shall be guided by the CAC Chair, and in his/her absence — by one of the CAC Deputy Chairs upon written instructions by the CAC Chair.

8.9. CAC meetings shall be held at least once a year. CAC meetings shall be convened by the CAC Chair, and in his/her absence — by one of the CAC Deputy Chairs upon written instructions by the CAC Chair.

8.10. A CAC meeting shall be deemed competent, if more than half of the CAC members take part in its proceedings. Decisions of the CAC shall be taken by open ballot, by simple majority vote of the CAC members present at the meeting provided, that there is a quorum.

CAC decisions shall be formalized as records signed by the person presiding over the CAC meeting and responsible secretary.

8.11. In the event of a failure to reach a quorum, the CAC meeting shall be reconvened within a month.

8.12. CAC members, upon instructions by the CAC, shall have the right to be present at Conferences and General Meetings in an advisory capacity.

8.13. CAC members may not be members of the RRC Governing Board and staff members of the Headquarters.

8.14. CAC activities shall be ensured by the respective unit of the Headquarters.

8.15. The CAC shall:

8.15.1. Act and take decisions on its own behalf within its competence.

8.15.2. Carry out long-term and current planning of CAC activities.

8.15.3. Approve the CAC Rules of Procedure.

8.15.4. Carry out annual audits of the financial and economic activities of the RRC governing and executive bodies.

8.15.5. Coordinate activities of the auditing commissions (auditors) of Regional and Local Branches.

8.15.6. Be entitled to involve outside independent experts (auditors) in its work.

8.16. All the RRC officials, bodies, structural units and staff members shall submit financial and economic documents within their remit upon a written demand of the CAC.

8.17. The CAC Chair shall:

8.17.1. Head the CAC and supervise its activities.

8.17.2. Convene and conduct CAC meetings.

8.17.3. Have the right to sign documents covering matters that fall within the competence of the CAC.

8.17.4. Submit to the RRC Governing Board proposals regarding the structure and staffing table of the Headquarters unit that ensures activities of the CAC.

8.17.5. Take decisions to conduct routine and surprise inspections and audits of RRC bodies and structures.

8.18. Supervisory and auditing bodies of the RRC Regional and Local branches.

8.18.1 Auditing Commissions (Auditors) are the supervisory and auditing bodies of Regional and Local Branches; they are elected by the supreme governing bodies of branches for a term of five years.

8.18.2. Meetings of the supervisory and auditing bodies of RRC Regional and Local Branches shall be held as often as necessary but at least once a year. Such meetings shall be competent if more than half of their members are present. Decisions shall be taken by majority vote of their members,

provided that there is a quorum. The voting procedure shall be determined independently. The minutes of the Auditing Commissions shall be signed by the person presiding over the meeting and responsible secretary.

8.18.3. Auditing Commissions (Auditors) of Regional and Local Branches shall:

- supervise financial, economic and statutory activities of the governing and executive bodies of branches;
- carry out annual audits of financial and economic activities of RRC branches. have the right to carry out routine and surprise inspections;
- be accountable to the Conferences and General Meetings of branches.

8.18.4. Auditing Commissions are headed by Chairs elected by the Auditing Commissions from among their members for a term of five years.

8.18.5. Members of other elected bodies and staff members of Regional and Local Branches may not be members of the Auditing Commissions (Auditors) of the Branches.

8.19. External Audit.

8.19.1. The RRC financial and accounting reporting shall be subject to audit by an independent external auditor every two years.

Article 9. RRC TRUSTEE COUNCIL

9.1. The RRC Trustee Council carries out advisory functions and is established, in its initial composition, by decision of the Congress, in order to facilitate enhancement of the authority of the RRC, dissemination and wide public recognition of the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, values, ideas, ideals and goals of the RRC; to contribute to the achievement of current and future objectives of the RRC; to mobilize financial resources to ensure RRC activities in the priority areas of development and to monitor the use of the funds mobilized.

9.2. The composition of the RRC Trustee Council shall be formed by the RRC Governing Board for a term of five years according to the procedure determined by the RRC Governing Board "Regulations on the RRC Trustee Council".

9.3. The RRC Trustee Council Chair is a person elected by the RRC Trustee Council for a term of five years.

9.4. The RRC Trustee Council may include representatives of ministries and agencies on condition that their membership of the Council is approved by their superiors, outstanding state and public figures, scientists, educators, technology experts, cultural workers, heads of organizations interested in the implementation of RRC goals and objectives, as well as the RRC President and those RRC members who made a significant contribution to the RRC activities.

9.5. The Trustee Council shall act on the basis of the Regulations approved by the RRC Governing Board.

9.5. Meetings of the RRC Trustee Council shall be held at least twice a year. Meetings shall be competent if more than half of its members are present. Decisions of the Trustee Council shall be taken by majority vote of the members present at its meeting, provided that there is a quorum.

9.6. The Chair of the RRC Trustee Council can, at the invitation of the RRC supreme governing collective bodies, attend meetings of the latter in an advisory capacity.

9.7. The RRC Trustee Council has the right to require the submission of any financial and other reporting documents concerning the RRC programmes financed by funds raised by the Trustee Council and to request audits of such programmes to be conducted.

Article 10. PROPERTY (ASSETS AND FUNDS) OF THE RRC

10.1. The RRC and RRC Regional/Local Branches may own or have other proprietary right to any property, including public property, necessary to ensure its activities stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation and by the present Statutes.

10.2. The RRC property shall include any buildings, land plots, structures, constructions, housing resources, means of transportation, equipment, tools and implements, publishing houses, mass media, property intended for cultural, educational and health-related purposes, money in roubles

and foreign currency, results of intellectual activities, shares, other securities and other property necessary for the material support of the RRC statutory activities generated, donated or acquired according to the procedure stipulated by law, including through succession.

10.3. The RRC as a whole shall be the owner of all the RRC property, including the property of its structural units. On behalf of the RRC, the legal rights of the owner shall be exercised by the RRC Governing Board. No individual RRC member shall have the right of property to a share of assets belonging to the RRC, including the membership fees he/she paid to the RRC.

10.4. RRC branches that have the legal entity status shall have the right to operative management of the assets and funds secured for them by the RRC and have a budget of their own. The RRC shall conclude with the heads of these structural units contracts of financial responsibility for the assets handed over to them in operative management.

10.5. The RRC property shall be used only for the implementation of the statutory goals and such activities as envisaged by the RRC Statutes. The revenues from entrepreneurial and other activities of the RRC may not be distributed among RRC members and shall be used for the implementation of the RRC statutory goals and objectives.

10.6. The RRC may enter into any transactions, with regard to the property it owns or has another proprietary right to, which are not contrary to the legislation of the Russian Federation, the RRC Statutes and donors' instructions.

10.7. The RRC branches that have the legal entity status shall be liable to the extent of the property which they have at their disposal.

10.8. The RRC shall have no right to spend its funds and to use its assets to support political parties, movements, groups, and companies.

10.9. The RRC shall be entitled to open accounts in banking institutions of other states in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.10. The RRC property may not be handed over (by means of sale, payment for goods, works, services, etc.) to RRC members on conditions more favourable to them than to other persons.

10.11. The RRC shall be liable to the full extent of its property against which recovery proceedings may be instituted under the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.12. Sources of the RRC property (assets and funds):

10.12.1. Entrance and annual membership fees;

10.12.2. Voluntary contributions and charitable donations, including earmarked contributions and donations (charitable grants) in cash or in kind made by Russian and foreign nationals and stateless persons, Russian, foreign and international organizations and other legal entities; Such donations shall be used in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

10.12.3. Proceeds from lectures, exhibitions, auctions, sporting and other events held in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

10.12.4. Revenues from non-sale operations, including gains on securities;

10.12.5. Proceeds from fundraising activities (campaigns to attract donors and volunteers, including organization of entertainment, cultural, sporting and other mass events; charity fundraising campaigns);

10.12.6. Revenues from sales of assets and donations received from donors in accordance with their wishes;

10.12.7. Work done by volunteers;

10.12.8. Revenue from the sales of goods, works and services;

10.12.9. Earnings (income, interest) from shares, bonds, other securities and deposits;

10.12.10. Revenues from the use of the RRC property;

10.12.11. Earnings from civil law transactions that are not contrary to the RRC Statutes and the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.12.12. Funds in the form of subsidies, grants and direct financing of activities from federal, regional and local budgets provided in accordance with the established procedure in line with the legislation of the Russian Federation, including to cover expenses connected with administrative and economic activities and utility payments;

10.12.13. Revenues from legal entities set up by the RRC according to the procedure established by law.

10.12.14. Revenues from entrepreneurial activities.

To carry out income generating activities, the RRC shall have enough property to carry out said activities, the market value of the property being not less than the minimum amount of authorized capital envisaged for limited liability companies.

10.12.16. Other revenues that are not prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.13. Revenues from the RRC entrepreneurial and other resource generation activities may not be redistributed among RRC members and must be used only for reaching the statutory goals of the RRC.

10.14. The RRC may conduct its entrepreneurial activities only as long as they serve the achievement of its statutory goals, for the sake of which the RRC is created, and correspond to these goals and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The RRC shall carry out its entrepreneurial activities in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.15. The RRC may not accept any donations if they are directly associated with revenues from activities contrary to the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

10.16. The RRC may conduct publication, information, education, healthcare, law, charity, RRC property management and other activities in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation and the RRC Statutes.

10.17. The RRC may set up legal entities to conduct entrepreneurial activities and to acquire property intended for entrepreneurial activities in line with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

10.18. The RRC shall be entitled to set up reserve, insurance and other funds in accordance with the procedure established by the RRC Governing Board and approve their rules of procedure.

Article 11. RRC REORGANISATION AND LIQUIDATION

11.1. A reorganization of the RRC may be effected by decision of the RRC Congress, by a qualified (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present at the Congress, provided that there is a quorum. A reorganization of the RRC shall be effected in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

11.2. RRC activities shall be terminated in the event of its liquidation by decision of the Congress taken by qualified (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present at the Congress, provided that there is a quorum, or, in the event of violation of the Russian Federation legislation by the RRC, by decision of a court taken on the grounds and in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

11.3. The RRC property and funds liquidated by decision of the Congress, after the claims of creditors have been met, shall be used for charitable purposes.

11.4. The decision of the Congress to liquidate the RRC shall be submitted to the authorized state body in order for the RRC to be struck off the Unified State Register of Legal Entities.

11.5. Liquidation shall be deemed completed and the RRC no longer in existence after the relevant record is made in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities.

11.6. Liquidation and reorganization of RRC Regional and Local Branches may be effected by decision of the RRC Governing Board in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Liquidation of Local and Regional Branches, which are legal entities, shall be effected by decision of the relevant court in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Article 12. PROCEDURE OF AMENDING THE RRC STATUTES

12.1. Amendments to the RRC Statutes shall be adopted by decision of the Congress taken by qualified (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present at the Congress, provided that there is a quorum, and come into effect for third parties on the date of their state registration.

12.2. Before being put to the vote of the Congress, new drafts of the RRC Statutes with all the amendments introduced into them shall undergo an expert review and be approved by the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes, in accordance with Resolution VI of the 22nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Resolution XX of the 24th International Conference of the Red Cross.