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**Emblems**

**Details**

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**Decree of the Islamic Republic of  
Afghanistan president regarding  
adorning and signing resolution of  
the joint commission of twin houses  
of National Assembly concerning  
“Coordination Law” of Afghan Red  
Crescent Society**

Article 1: Based on decrees of clause (16) of article (64) and clause (1) of article (94) of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan constitution, I adorn and sign the resolution (201) dated 8/4/1395 of the joint commission of the National Assembly twin houses concerning the Coordination law of Afghan Red Crescent Society Affairs which contains (4) chapters, (17) articles and (5) amendments.

**Article 2:** The above decree must be disseminated in the formal gazette along

with resolution of joint commission of national assembly twin houses and text of the above Law.

Mohammed Ashraf Ghani

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan President

**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**  
**Resolution of the National Assembly**  
**Twin Houses**  
**Coordination Law of the Afghan Red**  
**Crescent Society affairs**

**Decision date: 8/4/1395**

Based on decree stipulated in article 100th of Afghanistan constitution, joint commission of the National Assembly Twin Houses comprised of six members, three people from each house, decided on the ARCS Coordination Law of affairs which includes (4) chapters, (17) articles and (5) amendments, in a session held on Tuesday, 8/4/1395.

Head of Joint Commission

Obaidullah Ramin

Deputy Head of Joint Commission

Taiba Zahidi

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# **Afghan Red Crescent Society Coordination Law of Affairs**

## **Chapter 1**

### **General Provisions**

#### **Base**

##### **Article 1:**

This “Law” is ratified observing article (7) of Afghanistan Constitution.

#### **Goals**

##### **Article 2:**

Goals of this “Law” are as follows:

- 1.Coordination of affairs related to structure and activities of Afghan Red Crescent Society.
- 2.Coordination of affairs related to use of NS and ICRC emblems and badges and as well as supporting them.

## **Terminologies**

### **Article 3:**

The following terminologies within text of this “Law” convey the under-mentioned meanings:

1-Afghan Red Crescent Society is a national humanitarian independent and impartial organization throughout the country which under direct patronage of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan president implements an auxiliary role in performing humanitarian affairs alongside the government bodies.

2-The ICRC: It is an International humanitarian relief organization which is functioning according to Geneva conventions and its additional protocols.

3-The IFRC: It is the union of Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies which is founded in accordance to the movement constitution as an impartial, independent and neutral organization in the International level

and coordinates activities of the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

4-Humanitarian relief: Providing food stuff, clothes, shelter, health services, transportation services and other facilities for people who are affected as a result of armed conflicts and natural disasters.

5-Geneva 1949 conventions: The International treaties which are developed by Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and endorsed by United Nations organization to provide humanitarian relief for people who are affected from armed conflicts and natural disasters.

6-Geneva protocols: They are legal documents which are approved by United Nations organization under (1-2) titles on 8 June 1977 so that support civilians during war, wounded, sick and who lost their lives as a result of armed conflicts and use from Red Cross and Red Crescent emblem.

## **Activities scope**

### **Article 4:**

The ARCS headquarters locates in Kabul and its branch offices can be established in all provinces of the country.

## **Abbreviation form of titles**

### **Article 5:**

The Afghan Red Crescent Society is written in its full form as “Afghan Red Crescent Society” within text of this “Law”.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Structure and Activities of the Afghan Red Crescent Society**

#### **Structure**

##### **Article 6:**

Structure of the Afghan Red Crescent Society is as follows:

1-Headquarters

2-Provincial branch offices

3-Youth and volunteers Mgt department

(2)The Afghan Red Crescent Society structure will be described in details within relevant “Constitution”.

#### **Activities**

##### **Article 7:**

(1) The Afghan Red Crescent Society performs the following main duties:

1-Providing assistance and cooperation in mitigation of humanitarian sufferings caused

as a result of natural and manmade disasters without any discrimination of racial, color, tongue, wealth, tribal, sex, religious, political, ideological and social.

2-Supporting people who are wounded as a result of war and armed conflict according to Geneva 1949 conventions and additional protocols.

3-Distributing cash and kind assistance to needy people.

4-Attracting assistance and cooperation of benevolent persons and charitable International and national organizations.

5-Sending delegates to war fields for purpose of delivering humanitarian services.

6-Submitting natural and manmade disasters reports to IFRC and ICRC.

7-Arranging donations/financial assistances to needs comes up as a result of natural and manmade disasters inside the country and

in case of possibility outside the country as well.

(2) Other activities of the Afghan Red Crescent Society will be arranged in its relevant constitution.

### **Funding Sources**

#### **Article 8:**

The Afghan Red Crescent Society is financed by following sources:

- 1-Incomes from relevant assets and premises
- 2-Membership fee paid by subscribers according to orders of relevant constitution
- 3-Cash and kind donation provided by a benevolent insider or foreign benevolent people
- 4-donations provided by the government
- 5-Donations provided by profitable enterprises and profitable banks
- 6-National merchants' donations according to

usual customs

7-Donations provided by Hujaj (pilgrims of Kaba, Macca)

8-The Afghan Red Crescent Society in purpose of increasing its required incomes develops necessary regulations and procedures

9-Credit accounts and profits from relevant assets

10-Collected donations from mobile boxes during (ARCS) special week and as well as from stationed boxes

### **Transparent expenditure of incomes**

#### **Article 9:**

(1)Incomes of the Afghan Red Crescent Society is spent transparently and the persons in-charge are accountable to the people and as well as to the internal and external auditors according to the Law.

(2)Audit results of auditors stipulated in



clause (1) of this ‘article’ will be disseminated via mass media by end of current fiscal year.

## **Rights and privileges**

### **Article 10:**

The Afghan Red Crescent Society for implementing its philanthropic and humanitarian activities under the movement seven fundamental principles deserves the following rights and privileges:

1-Exemption from paying tax charges, customs charges, relevant vehicles traffic charges, government banks charges, highways transit charges and other charges according to the Law.

2-Exemption from tax payment

3-Exemption from clearance payment to municipality

## **Procurement affairs**

### **Article 11:**

The Afghan Red Crescent Society can arrange

its procurement affairs/procedures according to ICRC procurement principles.

## **Staff recruitment**

### **Article 12:**

(1) Staff recruitment and other affairs related to Afghan Red Crescent Society staff personnel should be arranged according to relevant by-laws and procedures.

(2) Retirement contribution is deducted from Afghan Red Crescent Society staff personnel monthly salaries according to civil service grades, and is transferred to retirement treasury, and is paid back as a pension to retired staff according to orders of relevant regulation.

(3) The civil service staff personnel cannot be recruited as Afghan Red Crescent Society staff simultaneously.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Use of Afghan Red Crescent Society and ICRC emblems and badges**

#### **Use of emblem**

##### **Article 13:**

The Red Crescent emblem included in amendment (1) of this Law can solely be used by the Afghan Red Crescent Society staff personnel, their vehicles, the ICRC and the IFRC.

#### **Identifying, protective and supportive use of emblem**

##### **Article 14:**

(1)The Afghan Red Crescent Society can use the emblem included in amendment (2)of this Law as an identification sign in purpose of recognizing its personnel, members, volunteers, items, service centers and its relevant vehicles.

(2)The Afghan Red Crescent Society and the ICRC (large size) emblem included in amendment (3) of this Law can be used as identifying, protective and supportive sign by their personnel, health units and vehicles during armed conflicts.

(3)The Afghan Red Crescent Society and the ICRC (small size) emblem can be used for identification of their personnel and items.

(4)Health units of Defense Ministry, Interior Affairs Ministry and National Department of Security can use the Afghan Red Crescent Society and the ICRC emblem included in amendment (4) of this “Law” for their personnel, health vehicles and health planes/helicopters during armed conflicts or peace.

(5)Health units stipulated in clause (4) of this “Law” besides their own ID card can use from Afghan Red Crescent Society and the ICRC identifying sign on their chest and

in the form armlet.

(6) Health personnel of civil hospitals, government and private health clinics and assigned vehicles can use from protective sign of Afghan Red Crescent Society and ICRC during armed conflicts in purpose of transportation and curing wounded and sick people after receiving permission of the Afghan Red Crescent Society.

(7) The ICRC and IFRC use from exclusive signs included in amendment (5) of this “Law” according to relevant procedures.

(8) Personnel of Defense Ministry, Interior Affairs Ministry and National Department of Security in addition the National Society relevant sign can use from other signs included in Geneva conventions and their additional protocols in purpose to ensure their safety without any type of discrimination and prejudice.

## **Misuse**

### **Article15:**

Anybody who misuse from National Society and ICRC emblem that causes material or spiritual harm to another person or his/her relevant organization, he/she will be punished according to the Law.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Final Provisions**

#### **Ratification of bye-laws and procedures**

##### **Article 16:**

The Afghan Red Crescent Society can ratify required bye-laws and procedures for better execution of orders of this “Law”.

#### **Enforcement**

##### **Article 17:**

This “Law” will be enforced after its dissemination in the formal gazette.

The Afghan Red Crescent Society Coordination  
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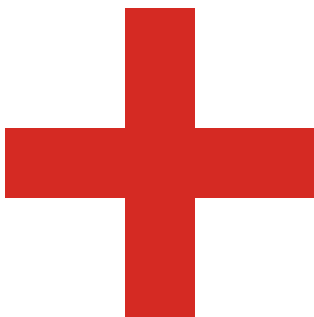
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