

## No. 39 of 1967

A LAW TO ESTABLISH THE CYPRUS RED CROSS  
SOCIETY AS A BODY CORPORATE

[21st July, 1967.]

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Red Cross Society Law, 1967. Short title.
2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - “the Branch” means the Branch of the British Red Cross Society that has been in operation in the Republic of Cyprus for some years past;
  - “the Council” means the Council provided by section 7;
  - “the Cyprus Red Cross Society” means the Cyprus Red Cross Society established by section 3;
  - “the Geneva Conventions” means the Conventions set out in the Schedule to the Geneva Conventions (Ratification) Law, 1966;
  - “the Rules” means the Rules of the Cyprus Red Cross Society for the time being in force under this Law.Interpretation.
3. For the purpose of maintaining and carrying on the objects set out in section 4, the officers and members of the Branch and all persons who may hereafter become members of the Cyprus Red Cross Society pursuant to this Law or to the Rules are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Cyprus Red Cross Society, which shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of, movable and immovable property. 40 of 1966.
- 4.—(1) The objects of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall be to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world in time of peace or war. Establishment of Cyprus Red Cross Society as a body corporate.
- (2) In pursuing the objects mentioned in sub-section (1) the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall not make any adverse distinction founded on sex, race, nationality, religion or faith, political opinions or any other similar criteria and shall act in accordance with the spirit and principles of the Geneva Conventions. Objects.
5. The Cyprus Red Cross Society is hereby recognized by the Republic of Cyprus as a Voluntary Aid Society auxiliary to the public authorities both for the purposes of the Geneva Conventions and otherwise and shall have the right, in conformity with the Geneva Conventions, to use the heraldic emblem of a red cross on a white ground, formed by reversing the Swiss Federal colours. Recognition of Cyprus Red Cross Society as Voluntary Aid Society.
6. The independence and the voluntary nature of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall at all times be respected in accordance with the resolution relative to national Red Cross Societies adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the nineteenth day of November, 1946. Independence and voluntary nature of Cyprus Red Cross Society to be respected.
- 7.—(1) The Governing Body of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall be a Council constituted in accordance with the Rules. The Council may from time to time appoint an Executive Committee with such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Rules. Governing Body.

(2) The first members of the Council shall be those persons who immediately before the coming into operation of this Law are the officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Branch.

Rules.

8. The Council shall, as soon as possible after the coming into operation of this Law, make Rules for the management of the affairs of the Cyprus Red Cross Society and the accomplishment of its objects, including Rules providing—

- (a) that membership of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall not be withheld from any citizen of the Republic of Cyprus on the grounds of race, class, sex, religion or faith or political opinions ;
- (b) that all members and associates of the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall have representation on the Council.

Any of the Rules may from time to time be altered, added to, or repealed by the Council and any new Rules may from time to time be made in like manner.

Unauthor-  
ized use  
of emblem.

9.—(1) It shall not be lawful for any person, other than those authorized under section 5 of this Law or under the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, to use for any purpose whatever the emblem of the red cross on a white ground mentioned in section 5 of this Law, or the emblems of the red crescent or red lion and sun on a white ground, or any colourable imitations thereof or the words "Red Cross".

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Transfer  
of assets,  
liabilities,  
etc., of  
Branch.

10. On the date on which this Law comes into operation—

- (a) all the assets and liabilities and all properties movable or immovable of the Branch shall be transferred to, and vested in, the Cyprus Red Cross Society by virtue of this section and without further assurance and the Cyprus Red Cross Society shall have all the powers necessary to take possession of, register in its name, recover, manage and deal with such assets and such movable and immovable properties and discharge such liabilities ;
- (b) all deeds, bonds, instruments and contracts subsisting immediately before the day on which this Law comes into operation to which the Branch is party, shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Cyprus Red Cross Society and enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of the Branch, the Cyprus Red Cross Society had been a party thereto ;
- (c) the officers of the Branch shall hold corresponding appointments in the Cyprus Red Cross Society until other provision is made pursuant to the Rules and Members, Life Associates and Associates of the Branch shall become corresponding Members, Life Associates and Associates of the Cyprus Red Cross Society, but subject to any provision in the Rules.

Date of  
coming  
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operation.

11. This Law shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Council of Ministers by Notification published in the official *Gazette* of the Republic.