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ZAMBIA RED CROSS SOCIETY

9 of 1966
13 of 1994

An Act to establish and incorporate the Zambia Red Cross Society and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

[22nd April, 1966]

1. This Act may be cited as the Zambia Red Cross Society Act.

Short title

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

Interpretation

"the Branch" means the Zambia Branch of the British Red Cross Society;

"the Conventions" means the Geneva Conventions of the 12th August, 1949, for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and the sick of armed forces in the field and of sick and shipwrecked members of armed forces at sea, and relative to the treatment of prisoners of war and to the protection of civilian persons in time of war;

"the Council" means the Council provided for under section *three*;

"the Society" means the Zambia Red Cross Society established under subsection (1) of section *three*.

3. (1) There is hereby established a society to be known as the Zambia Red Cross Society which shall be the sole national Red Cross society in Zambia.

Establishment,
incorporation and
government of Society

(2) The Society shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, to purchase, acquire, hold, manage and dispose of real and personal property, and to enter into any such contracts as it may consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of performing its functions or achieving its objects under this Act.

(3) The Society shall be governed by a Council which, save as provided in paragraph (b) of section *eight*, shall be constituted in accordance with rules made under this Act.

(4) The Council may appoint an Executive Committee with such powers, functions and duties as may be prescribed by rules made under this Act.

4. (1) The objects of the Society shall be-

Objects of Society

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- (a) to furnish aid to the sick and wounded in time of war and to non-belligerents and prisoners of war and civilian sufferers from the effects of war;
- (b) to perform all the duties which devolve upon a National Society in accordance with the provisions of the Conventions; and
- (c) in time of peace or war to carry on and assist in the work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world, among all men and all nations.

(2) In pursuing the objects set out in subsection (1), the Society shall not make any adverse distinction founded on sex, race, nationality, religion, faith, political opinion or other similar criteria.

5. (1) The Society is hereby recognised as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to public authorities exercising their obligations under the Conventions.

Recognition of Society
as independent
voluntary aid society

(2) The independent and voluntary nature of the 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 19th November, 1946.

6. (1) No person other than the Society or a person so authorised under the Conventions shall, without the authority of the Council, use for any purpose whatsoever any of the following emblems or designations, that is to say:

Misuse of Red Cross
emblems

- (a) the emblem of a red cross with vertical and horizontal arms of the same length on, and completely surrounded by, a white ground, or the designation "Red Cross" or "Geneva Cross";
- (b) the emblem of a red crescent moon on, and completely surrounded by, a white ground, or the designation "Red Crescent";
- (c) the following emblem in red on, and completely surrounded by, a white ground, that is to say, a lion passing from right to left of, and with its face turned towards, the observer, holding erect in its raised right forepaw a scimitar, with, appearing above the lion's back, the upper half of the sun shooting forth rays, or the designation "Red Lion and Sun".

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand penalty units.

(As awarded by Act no. 13 of 1994)

7. The Council may, by statutory instrument, make rules providing for membership of an association with the Society, for the management of the affairs of the Society and for the accomplishment of the objects of the Society, and may amend or revoke any such rules.

Rules

8. Upon the commencement of this Act-

Transitional

- (a) all property, assets, rights, liabilities, obligations, agreements and rules vested in, acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of, or made by the Branch shall be deemed to be vested in or to have been acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of, or made by the Society; and accordingly every such right, liability or obligation may be enforced by or against the Society to the same extent as it could have been enforced by or against the Branch;
- (b) the members of the Central Committee of the Branch shall be the first members of the Council of the Society and shall together constitute that Council; and
- (c) subject to the provisions of any rules made under this Act, Life Associates and Associates of the Branch shall be respectively Life Associates and Associates of the Society.