

**STATUTE
OF THE CROATIAN RED CROSS**

CROATIAN RED CROSS

Pursuant to Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Law on the Croatian Red Cross ("Official Gazette", No. 71/2010 and 136/2020) and Article 13 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette", No. 74/2014, 70/2017, 98/2019 and 151/2022), the General Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross of its 23rd convocation on the 12th session of the 23rd convocation held on 16 December 2024 adopts the following

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The Red Cross has been active in the territory of today's Republic of Croatia since 1878. On October 26th, 1991, the Government of the Republic of Croatia recognized the Croatian Red Cross as the national Red Cross Society of the Republic of Croatia.

The Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, by the Law on the Croatian Red Cross on November 9th, 1991, "determines that the Croatian Red Cross is a national, humanitarian, voluntary social organization of general benefit that operates on the basis of the mission and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and enjoys special protection and care of the Republic of Croatia".

The Croatian Red Cross National Society bases its activities on the provisions of the Geneva Conventions (Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, Convention to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War) of August 12th, 1949 and their Additional Protocols (Additional Protocol relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts and Additional Protocol relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts of June 8th, 1977 and Additional Protocol relating to Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem of December 8th, 2005) . The Republic of Croatia is a party to the Geneva Conventions.

The Croatian Red Cross National Society is guided in its activities by the principle of solidarity, the principles of International Humanitarian Law and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red and Red Crescent Movement:

HUMANITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent 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.

IMPARTIALITY

It 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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

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.

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. General provisions

Article 1

1. The Croatian Red Cross is the national Red Cross society that operates on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, impartially and without discrimination, in order to promote and achieve humanitarian goals and programmes of general benefit and enjoys special protection and care of the Republic of Croatia.
2. The Croatian Red Cross National Society is the only Red Cross society that carries out activities throughout the Republic of Croatia.
3. The national society is called: Croatian Red Cross.
4. The abbreviated name is: CRC.
5. The headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross is in Zagreb, Ulica Crvenog križa broj 14.
6. The Croatian Red Cross is an association and a legal entity with public authority.

Article 2

Terms used in this Statute, having a meaning of gender, regardless of whether they are used in the masculine or feminine gender, include the masculine and feminine genders equally.

Article 3

1. The emblem of the Croatian Red Cross is a red cross on a white background, which is used in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, the Regulations on the Use of the Emblem of the Red Cross or Red Crescent by the National Societies, the Law on the Croatian Red Cross and other regulations and resolutions from

relevant bodies of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (hereinafter: the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement) on the use of the emblem and name of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal.

2. The emblem and flag of the Croatian Red Cross are governed by specific regulations.

3. The stamp of the Croatian Red Cross is round in shape with the sign of the red cross in the middle, printed in red and along the edge of the stamp is the inscription: Croatian Red Cross - Zagreb - Ul. Crvenog križa 14 /*Hrvatski Crveni križ*/.

4. For the purposes of the Tracing Service, the stamp of the National Office of Tracing Service is used, which is round in shape with the sign of the red cross in the middle, printed in red and along the edge of the stamp is the inscription: Croatian Red Cross, National Office of Tracing Service - Zagreb - Ul. Crvenog križa 14 /*Hrvatski Crveni križ, Nacionalni ured Službe traženja*/.

Article 4

1. The Croatian Red Cross is an impartial, neutral and independent non-profit legal entity whose humanitarian mission is to protect life and dignity as well as to provide assistance to victims of armed conflicts and in other violent situations, to victims of major natural, ecological, technological and other disasters, resulting in mass casualties and epidemics.

2. The Croatian Red Cross strives to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening respect for international humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles and to encourage, enable and promote all forms of humanitarian activities in every situation.

Article 5

1. The main goals of the Croatian Red Cross are:

- alleviating human suffering, especially those caused by armed conflicts, major natural, ecological, technological and other disasters, resulting in mass casualties and epidemics,
- contribution to the improvement and protection of health, disease prevention and promoting the health and environmental culture of citizens,
- encouragement and improvement of solidarity, promotion of volunteerism and mutual assistance and social security of citizens.

2. The Croatian Red Cross approaches the achievement of the goals from Paragraph 1 of this Article by respecting the rights and freedoms of every person, irrespective of race, skin colour, age, sex, disability, language, citizenship, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, ethnic or social origin, property, birth, education, social status or any other distinguishing criterion.

3. In its activities, the Croatian Red Cross is obliged to assist all components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Article 6

The Statute of the Croatian Red Cross establishes its organizational forms and internal organization, membership, scope of work and work principles of authorities and services, property, representation of the Croatian Red Cross in municipal, city and county branch organizations and other issues important for its work and activity.

Article 7

1. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms have an auxiliary role to the Government of the Republic of Croatia, i.e. local and regional self-government units in the field of humanitarian activities.
2. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms exercise public powers and activities in accordance with the Law on the Croatian Red Cross, other national laws and agreements, and the Statute of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
3. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms carry out activities established by law in accordance with the strategies and resolutions of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the bodies of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent).
4. The activities of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms are carried out for general welfare and the surplus income generated is used exclusively for the performance and improvement of the activities of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms in accordance with this Statute.
5. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms perform public powers and activities established by the Law on the Croatian Red Cross in accordance with the needs of the local community and the provided funds, and also perform other programmes that are specifically contracted and for which additional funds are secured and do not conflict with fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Article 8

1. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms, within the framework of legally established public powers and activities, carry out activities related to: the implementation of educational and preventive programmes and education in teaching, extracurricular and informal environments; engagement in aid campaigns in emergency situations caused by climate change and human interventions in the environment for the purpose of protecting human lives; organization and implementation of programmes for the preservation and protection of the environment; provision of social services in the community as well as all other activities for the purpose of achieving the goals of the Croatian Red Cross.
2. In addition to the implementation of programmes and activities, the Croatian Red Cross takes special care of: protection and compliance with the rules relating to the use of the emblem and name of the red cross, red crescent and red crystal; takes care of the status of the Croatian Red Cross as a whole; of international cooperation with national and international entities; legislation, cooperates with competent entities at the state level and conducts the development policy of the Croatian Red Cross in accordance with the recommendations of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the needs of citizens in the Republic of Croatia, as well as decides, acts and functions as a whole.

Article 9

1. The Croatian Red Cross was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross on August 25th, 1993 and is a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red

Crescent Societies since October 25, 1993, it is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

2. The Croatian Red Cross meets the conditions for recognition from Article 4 of the Statute of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and established cooperation with other components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (national societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation) in accordance with Article 3 of the Statute of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and resolutions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the Council of Delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

3. The Croatian Red Cross also fulfills the obligations established by the Constitution of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

4. The Croatian Red Cross achieves direct cooperation and has the right, but also the obligation, to represent the membership and its interests at the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation, national societies and other humanitarian international and national organizations and their agencies and institutions.

5. The Croatian Red Cross can also be a member of other international associations.

6. The Croatian Red Cross cooperates with diplomatic missions and consular posts in accordance with the provisions of international treaties.

Article 10

1. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms, act in the public life of the Republic of Croatia based on the principles of solidarity and the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and they act independently.

2. The Croatian Red Cross National Society cooperates with the Government of the Republic of Croatia and state authorities in matters of health care, social welfare, education, defense, protection and rescue, etc. in the capacity of a privileged partner based on the provisions of the Statute of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and international treaties adopted, resolutions and conclusions of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

3. In crisis situations, the management and coordination of the activities of all organizational forms of the Croatian Red Cross, related to the elimination of the consequences of a crisis situation, are carried out in accordance with the Regulation on procedures in crisis situations.

4. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms cooperate with associations and institutions promoting and achieving related humanitarian goals and programmes.

Article 11

1. The work of the Croatian Red Cross is public.

2. The public nature of the activity is achieved:

- by timely reporting to the membership about the work of the Croatian Red Cross and about significant events, by means of written reports, by organizing special meetings or in other suitable ways,
- by means of public communications,

- via the website of the Croatian Red Cross - press releases,
- by press conferences.

3. Sessions of the Croatian Red Cross bodies are open to the public.

4. The public can on an exceptional basis only be excluded from the sessions of the Croatian Red Cross bodies, in the following cases:

- discussion of issues that represent a business secret,
- when decided at a meeting of bodies due to particularly important reasons stipulated by law,
- when considering a case of the Tracing Service.

2. Membership in the Croatian Red Cross

Article 12

1. Membership in the Croatian Red Cross is voluntary. Any person can be a member, irrespective of age, race, skin colour, disability, language, citizenship, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender and gender expression, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, financial status, education, social status or other distinguishing criterion.

2. Members of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms can be natural or legal persons.

3. All members of the Croatian Red Cross are obliged to respect the Law on the Croatian Red Cross, the Croatian Red Cross Statute, the Croatian Red Cross Code of Ethics, the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, specific regulations governing the emblem of the red cross, as well as other specific regulations.

4. The amount of the membership fee, method of payment and other issues related to membership fees are determined by the decision of the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.

Article 13

1. Members of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms are:

- active members,
- voluntary blood donors,
- youth members,
- supporting (assisting) and
- honorary members.

2. Members join via Croatian Red Cross branch organizations by completing the application form and the Croatian Red Cross appoints honorary members.

Article 14

Active members are adults with full legal capacity who are willing to participate in the work of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations and to pay membership fees.

Article 15

Voluntary blood donors are members without the obligation to pay membership fees.

Article 16

1. Youth members are pupils, university students or young people up to 30 years of age (hereinafter: youth members) who are willing to participate in the work of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations and to pay the membership fee.

2. Young people between the ages of 18 and 30 can choose whether they want to be active members or youth members in the Croatian Red Cross.

Article 17

Supporting (assisting) members are natural and legal persons who assist the Croatian Red Cross or its organizations in humanitarian activities (by sponsorship or other forms of assistance).

Article 18

1. Honorary members of the Croatian Red Cross are persons who, by doing charity work and by earning special merits, have made a significant contribution to the promotion and achievement of the humanitarian objectives and programmes of the Croatian Red Cross, which are implemented with the purpose of alleviating human suffering, promoting respect and developing International Humanitarian Law, improvement and protection of health, encouragement and enhancing solidarity, promotion of volunteerism, mutual assistance, social security of citizens, protection and rescue, which are of general benefit to the Republic of Croatia and overall to the development of the Croatian Red Cross.

2. The honorary member undertakes to promote the objectives and interests of the Croatian Red Cross and to protect the reputation of the Croatian Red Cross in his work and activities.

3. An honorary member is appointed by the Governing Board of the Croatian Red Cross, based on a written proposal with a detailed statement of reasons.

4. The proposal for the appointment and for the withdrawal of honorary membership can be made by the Board of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization, the president of the Croatian Red Cross or the executive president of the Croatian Red Cross.

5. The decision on the exclusion of an honorary member is made by the Governing Board of the Croatian Red Cross in written form. The honorary member has the right to appeal the decision on exclusion to the General Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross, within 30 days following the delivery of the decision on exclusion. No appeal can be filed against the decision of the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.

Article 19

1. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms are obliged to maintain an electronic list of members.

2. The Croatian Red Cross maintains a central list of all members of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms.

3. The central list of members must contain information on:

- personal name (name),
- personal identification number (PID/OIB),
- date of birth,

- the date of joining the Croatian Red Cross or its organizational form,
- membership category,
- the date of membership termination in the Croatian Red Cross or its organizational form.

4. For a person under the age of 14, a written statement of membership in the Croatian Red Cross branch organization is given by the legal representative or guardian and for a minor over the age of 14, the legal representative or guardian gives a written consent.

Article 20

1. Members of the Croatian Red Cross have the following rights and duties:

- elect and be elected,
- participate in the work of the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization and in the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross to which they were elected,
- participate in sessions of the assemblies and of lower level bodies if they were elected to assemblies and bodies at a higher level of organization, without the right to vote,
- speeches and proposals within the agenda at the General Assembly and at other bodies of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization,
- immediate impact on the work plan and development of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization,
- the duty to protect the interests of the Croatian Red Cross,
- the duty to promote and spread the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,
- the duty to pay the established membership contribution.

Article 21

1. Membership in the Croatian Red Cross terminates:

- by withdrawing from membership by personal choice,
- by not settling the membership fee for more than two years,
- by the death of a member,
- by exclusion due to behaviour harmful to the reputation of the Croatian Red Cross and conduct contrary to the provisions of this Statute and violation of the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the Croatian Red Cross Code of Ethics.

2. Withdrawal from membership by personal choice must be in writing.

3. Exclusion of a member is decided by the Board of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization of which he was a member or by the Governing Board if the member was appointed.

4. The excluded member has the right to appeal against the decision on exclusion. The deadline for submitting an appeal is 30 days following the delivery of the decision on exclusion.

5. The branch organization's Assembly decides on the appeal of the excluded member, that is, the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly if the member was appointed.
6. No appeal can be filed against the decision of the branch organization's Assembly, that is, of the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly. The member will be notified in writing about the decision of the branch organization Assembly, that is, the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly, within 30 days from the date of the decision.
7. With the termination of membership, all rights related to the membership in the Croatian Red Cross also cease to exist.

Article 22

1. A dispute between members of the Croatian Red Cross exists when a member takes actions that violate the membership rights of another member.
2. A conflict of interest exists if the rights and interests of a member of the Croatian Red Cross, which the member can freely dispose of, are in conflict with the objectives of the Croatian Red Cross or affect them negatively and if members appointed to one body of the Croatian Red Cross are appointed to another body of the Croatian Red Cross.
3. The Arbitration Council composed of three council members decides on the settlement of disputes or conflicts of interest among the members of the Croatian Red Cross. The president of the Croatian Red Cross appoints two members of the Arbitration Council from the list of honorary members of the Croatian Red Cross, while the third member of the Arbitration Council, who is also the president of the Arbitration Council, is appointed by two previously appointed members of the Arbitration Council.
4. The Arbitration Council applies the provisions of the law governing conciliation in an appropriate manner.
5. No appeal can be filed against the decision of the Arbitration Council.

1. *Volunteers and CRC Youth*

Article 23

1. Volunteer of the Croatian Red Cross is any natural person who free-willingly invests his/her time, effort, knowledge and skills in the activities of the Croatian Red Cross for the general welfare or the benefit of another person, without the existence of conditions regarding financial payments or claims of other pecuniary benefits for the volunteering, and in accordance to the principle of equal opportunities, irrespective of: age, race, skin colour, language, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender and gender expression, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, financial status, education, social status, marital status, family obligations, membership or non-membership in a political party, association or trade union, health condition, disability and other personal characteristics and other grounds provided for in the regulations governing the matter of eliminating discrimination, unless otherwise required by the nature of the voluntary activity.
2. In the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms, particular attention is paid to volunteering.
3. The types of volunteer's work in the Croatian Red Cross and other issues related to volunteering are governed by a specific regulation issued by the Governing Board.

Article 24

1. At the local and regional level, young people are organized into organizational units at Croatian Red Cross branch organizations or educational institutions in cooperation with the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations.
2. At the national level, the Croatian Red Cross Youth are organized within the Croatian Red Cross Youth Assembly and the Croatian Red Cross Youth Board.
3. Through their activities, the Croatian Red Cross Youth can participate in the work of other organizational forms of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations without a legal status, i.e. in Croatian Red Cross branch organizations with a legal entity status.
4. The Croatian Red Cross Youth has the following rights and duties:
 - According to their capacities to participate in the activities of the Croatian Red Cross and humanitarian campaigns and volunteer programmes and in other organizational forms of bringing together young people, especially solidarity campaigns and providing practical assistance to the elderly, sick and disabled, in campaigns aimed at protecting, preserving and improving the environment and promoting healthy lifestyle;
 - regularly train to assist in the achievement of the tasks and objectives of the Croatian Red Cross in accordance with the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the development of humane feelings and emotions of mutuality and solidarity.
5. The enrollment of the Croatian Red Cross Youth and the inclusion and participation in the activities and humanitarian campaigns of the Croatian Red Cross are governed by a specific regulation issued by the Governing Board.

4. Internal supervision of work

Article 25

1. Members of the Croatian Red Cross supervise the work themselves.
2. If a member believes that a branch organization or the Croatian Red Cross has violated the Statute or any other general act of the branch organization or the Croatian Red Cross, he/she is authorized to bring the matter to the attention of the branch organization's board, i.e. the Governing Board and demand resolution of these irregularities within the legally prescribed period. Otherwise, the member can take measures in accordance with the Law on Associations.

5. Internal organization of the Croatian Red Cross

Article 26

1. The organizational forms of the Croatian Red Cross are municipal, city and county branch organizations that are established for the area of one or more units of local and regional self-government.
2. Municipal, city and county branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross are legal entities and under public authority perform activities in accordance with the needs of the local community in the area for which they were established and in accordance with the funds secured.

3. Municipal and city branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross are united into county branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross according to the respective county.
4. Municipal branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross with a legal entity status (9) are: Darda, Donji Lapac, Dvor, Gračac, Gvozd, Lastovo, Plitvička Jezera (headquarters in Korenica), Topusko, Vojnić. The name of the association is: Croatian Red Cross Municipal Branch Organization of the Red Cross _____. The abbreviated name is: CRC MUNICIPAL BRANCH ORGANIZATION _____.
5. City branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross with a legal status (103) are: Beli Manastir, Benkovac, Biograd na Moru, Bjelovar, Buje, Buzet, Crikvenica, Čabar, Čakovec, Čazma, Daruvar, Delnice, Donja Stubica, Donji Miholjac, Drniš, Dubrovnik, Duga Resa, Dugo Selo, Đakovo, Đurđevac, Garešnica, Glina, Gospić, Grubišno Polje, Hrvatska Kostajnica, Hvar, Ilok, Imotski, Ivanec, Ivanić Grad, Jastrebarsko, Karlovac, Kaštela (headquarters in Kaštel Sućurac), Klanjec, Knin, Koprivnica, Korčula, Krapina, Knin, Koprivnica, Korčula, Krapina, Križevci, Krk, Kutina, Labin, Ludbreg, Makarska, Mali Lošinj, Metković, Našice, Nova Gradiška, Novalja, Novi Marof, Novi Vinodolski, Novska, Obrovac, Ogulin, Omiš, Opatija, Orahovica, Osijek, Otočac, Ozalj, Pag, Pakrac, Pazin, Petrinja, Ploče, Poreč, Požega, Pregrada, Pula, Rab, Rijeka, Rovinj, Samobor, Senj, Sinj, Sisak, Slatina, Slavonski Brod, Slunj, Solin, Split, Supetar, Sveti Ivan Zelina, Šibenik, Trogir, Valpovo, Varaždin, Velika Gorica, Vinkovci, Virovitica, Vis, Vodice, Vrbovec, Vrbovsko, Vrljika, Vrgorac, Vukovar, Zabok, Zadar, Zagreb, Zaprešić, Zlatar (headquarters in Zlatar Bistrica), Županja.

The name of the association is: Croatian Red Cross City Branch Organization of the Red Cross _____. The abbreviated name is: CRC CITY BRANCH ORGANIZATION _____.
6. County branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross with a legal status (20) are the Red Cross branch organizations: Bjelovar-Bilogora County, Brod-Posavina County, Dubrovnik-Neretva County, Istria County, Karlovac County, Koprivnica-Križevac County, Krapina-Zagorje County, Lika-Senj County, Međimurje County, Osijek-Baranja County, Požega-Slavonia County, Primorje-Gorski Kotar County, Sisak-Moslavina County, Split-Dalmatia County, Šibenik-Knin County, Varaždin County, Virovitica-Podravina County, Vukovar-Srijem County, Zadar County, Zagreb County. The union of associations is called: Croatian Red Cross County Branch Organization of the Red Cross _____. The abbreviated name is: CRC COUNTY BRANCH ORGANIZATION _____ county.
7. The City Branch Organization of the Red Cross Zagreb also has the status of a county branch organization.

Article 27

1. The area of activity of the organizational forms of the Croatian Red Cross (municipal, city and county branch organizations) is determined by the statute of every single organizational form with a legal status.
2. Branch organizations operate in the area determined by the statute. Exceptionally, the branch organization may operate outside the specified area, if it is an organized activity of the Croatian Red Cross, a joint programme of two or more branch organizations or at the invitation of another branch organization. In that case it shall be reported to the Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross.

3. Branch organizations are obliged to inform the Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross about a cooperation with other Red Cross and Red Crescent branch organizations.

Article 28

1. Croatian Red Cross branch organizations with a legal status can have organizational forms without a legal status (city, municipal, local, basic and regional Red Cross branch organizations, assets, assets of voluntary blood donors, clubs, clubs of voluntary blood donors, groups, sections, field units, etc.) that operate where their members live, work or study.

2. Organizational forms of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations without a legal status are not obliged to have designated authorities by the Statute, except for the president, as a person authorized for representation.

Article 29

1. If there are justified reasons for this, the initiative to launch the procedure for the establishment of a municipal or city branch organization of the Croatian Red Cross for the area of one or more local self-government units can be initiated by:

- representatives of the local or regional self-government unit,
- the Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization operating in the area of the local self-government unit for which the establishment of an independent branch organization is proposed,
- the Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization operating in the area of the regional self-government unit for which the establishment of an independent branch organization is proposed,
- members of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization of one or more organizational forms of the Croatian Red Cross with a legal status, who operate in the area of one unit of local or regional self-government,
- Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross,
- at least three adult persons with full legal capacity.

2. The procedure is initiated at the proposal of the Governing Board, with the previously obtained opinion of all Croatian Red Cross branch organizations in the area of the regional self-government unit for which the establishment of a new branch organization is requested. The proposal shall be accompanied by authentic documentation from which it can be concluded with certainty that the conditions for the establishment of a branch organization with a legal status established by this Statute have been met.

Article 30

In order to establish a Croatian Red Cross branch organization with a legal status, at least the following requirements must be met:

- secured office space with basic work equipment and storage space,
- secured financial resources for overhead costs and expenses of at least one employed person,

- a plan of work, operation and activities drawn up, which, on an annual level, in addition to the financial resources prescribed by the Law on the Croatian Red Cross, provide funds for the branch organization's work,
- a defined area of activity that forms a logical whole.

Article 31

1. The initiative for launching the procedure for the dissolution of the municipal, city or county branch organization of the Croatian Red Cross, if there are justified reasons for this, can be initiated by the Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization that operates in the area of the regional self-government unit for which dissolution of the independent branch organization is proposed or by the Croatian Red Cross Headquarters.
2. The procedure is initiated at the proposal of the Governing Board, with the previously obtained opinion of all Croatian Red Cross branch organizations in the area of the regional self-government unit where the branch organization is located whose dissolution is requested. The proposal shall be accompanied by authentic documentation from which it can be concluded with certainty that the conditions for the dissolution of a branch organization with a legal status established by this Statute have been met.
3. Croatian Red Cross branch organizations with a legal status may be dissolved when no longer meeting the minimum requirements for establishment in accordance with Article 30 of this Statute.
4. In case of non-compliance with the decisions of the Governing Board and the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly, the Croatian Red Cross branch organization may be excluded from the union of associations, that is, it may be deprived of the right to use the emblem and name of the Croatian Red Cross.

Article 32

1. The decision to establish or dissolve a Croatian Red Cross branch organization is made by the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly by a two-thirds majority vote of all representatives.
2. No appeal can be filed against the decision on the establishment or dissolution of a Croatian Red Cross branch organization.

Article 33

1. The relations between the organizational forms and the Croatian Red Cross are based on mutual cooperation and vertical responsibility.
2. The Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross perform advisory functions and internal supervision over the work of organizational forms.
3. The Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross perform internal supervision over the work of organizational forms based on a reasoned written request, received objection, remark or complaint, as well as in the case of discovering irregularities in the work of organizational forms.
4. The Headquarters of the Croatian Red Cross is obliged to report the Croatian Red Cross Governing Board on the results of the internal monitoring.

Article 34

1. The members elected to the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations shall act permanently in the interest of the Croatian Red Cross. In the event that a member of a body of the Croatian Red Cross is elected to a position in a public authority or political party, he will ensure that his work is not in any conflict of interest with the activities of the Croatian Red Cross.
2. If it is not possible to ensure that his work is not in any conflict of interest, the member of the body from Paragraph 1 of this Article will resign from the functions he holds in the Croatian Red Cross or its organizational forms.
3. Persons in management positions are required to report all potential or actual conflicts of interest or issues that could be considered a conflict of interest. In the event of a potential or actual conflict of interest, the person concerned must refrain from discussing and voting on issues related to him.

Article 35

1. According to the established internal organization of the Croatian Red Cross, the activities and tasks prescribed by the Law on the Croatian Red Cross are directly implemented through the work of municipal and city Red Cross branch organizations and according to the needs of citizens in local and regional self-government units and secured funds.
2. County branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross, as a union of associations of municipal and city branch organizations of the Croatian Red Cross, as a priority perform the following:
 - enhance the development of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations and the coordination of their work in the area of the county; education of workers and volunteers of the Croatian Red Cross for all activities;
 - preparation, education and equipping for action in crisis situations and other emergency situations;
 - work with the Croatian Red Cross Youth in the implementation of health education and educational prevention programmes, youth competitions and first aid teams, etc.;
 - resolving issues of common interest through targeted programmes and joint actions in cooperation with relevant entities at the county level and with secured funds.
3. In the county branch organization acts a coordination of directors made up of all directors of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations from the area of the county, managed by the county director.

6. Bodies of Croatian Red Cross Branch Organizations

Article 36

1. The Croatian Red Cross branch organizations have the following bodies:
 - Assembly,
 - the President and Vice-Presidents,
 - Board,
 - Director,

-Supervisory Board.

2. The scope of work of the aforementioned bodies is determined by the statutes of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations with a legal status.

Article 37

1. The Assembly is the highest management and governing body of each Croatian Red Cross branch organization, whose work takes place at sessions and in which members participate through elected representatives. Each representative has one vote.

2. The composition and number of representatives in the Assembly are specified in the statute of the branch organization.

3. The deadlines for holding elections for Assembly members are determined by the General Assembly before the start of the elections for the new mandate period, in accordance with the deadlines determined by the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.

4. The Assembly representative mandate lasts four years with the possibility of reelection.

Article 38

1. Assembly sessions are convened by the branch organization's president and they are convened as ordinary and extraordinary.

2. The ordinary session is held at least twice a year.

3. An extraordinary session is convened as necessary. Extraordinary convening of the Assembly session can be initiated by the president, by the board of the branch organization, by one third of the Assembly representatives and by the Governing Board.

4. The election constitutive session is held every four years and is convened by a person authorized for representation, registered in the association register.

5. In the case of premature termination of the mandate of Assembly members, the director convenes the election constitutive session.

6. The Assembly can make decisions when an absolute majority of the Assembly's representatives are present at the session and valid decisions are made by the majority of votes of the representatives present.

7. In extraordinary situations, in the event that not enough representatives are present, the Assembly will meet again within 48 hours, in which case decisions are made if one-third of the representatives are present and by a majority vote of those present and voting.

8. The Assembly adopts the statute of a branch organization by a majority vote of all representatives.

9. In the cases prescribed by the Statute, a qualified majority is determined for individual decisions.

10. The way the Assembly works is established by the rules of procedure.

Article 39

1. Sessions of the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations can be held live, in virtual form or hybridly, especially in case of unforeseen circumstances, force majeure or public health situations such as epidemics, pandemics, endemic diseases or other similar

situations that could prevent the holding of the sessions of the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations live.

2. In the case of holding a session in a virtual or hybrid form, the discussion and voting will be held in accordance with the instructions for electronic sessions in the Croatian Red Cross and can be held using specialized applications for video conferences via the Internet, via electronic mail or in any other suitable way that enables registration, participation and voting via the Internet.

Article 40

The Assembly within its scope of work:

1. adopts the branch organization's statute and its amendments,
2. adopts programme orientation and development programmes for the mandate period,
3. adopts the work plan and financial plan for the next calendar year,
4. adopts the activity report for the previous calendar year and the annual financial report,
5. considers and adopts reports on activities and operations for the mandate period,
6. takes a decision on the deadlines for holding representatives elections,
7. elects and dismisses the president and vice-presidents of the branch organization, members of the board and the supervisory board,
8. makes decisions on status issues of internal organization,
9. decides on the change of objectives and activities, economic activities, cessation of work and distribution of the branch organization's remaining assets,
10. makes decisions about the company's funds and monitors their effectiveness and the intended use of funds,
11. makes a decision on the establishment of services for the performance of professional-administrative tasks,
12. adopts the rules of procedure for the work of the Assembly and other documents,
13. decides on other issues for which the branch organization's statute does not establish the competence of other branch organization bodies.

Article 41

1. The president of the branch organization is the president of the Assembly and the president of the board of the branch organization and he performs his function on a voluntary basis.
2. The president of the branch organization is elected from among the Assembly representatives at the constitutive session for a mandate period of four years, with the possibility of reelection. The president of the branch organization is elected by an absolute majority of the Assembly representatives present.
3. The president represents the branch organization individually, convenes and presides over meetings of the Assembly and the Board, signs decisions and other documents passed by these bodies, and performs other duties entrusted to him by the Assembly and the Board.

4. The branch organization can have two vice-presidents. In the event of the president's absence or being prevented from attending for a longer time, he is replaced with full authority by the vice-presidents in the order determined by the branch organization's Assembly. The president can authorize one of the vice presidents to perform specific tasks.

5. The provisions on the election and mandate of the president also apply to the position of the vice-president.

Article 42

1. The Board is responsible for the branch organization's work between Assembly sessions, sees to the implementation of the branch organization's general policy and supervises the operational solution of all issues during the business year in accordance with the decisions, conclusions and recommendations of the Assembly.

2. The members of the board are elected by the Assembly at the constitutive session from among the Assembly representatives for a mandate period of four years, with the possibility of reelection. The composition and number of board members are determined by the branch organization's statutes.

3. The Board is convened by the president of the branch organization, as required or at the request of one third of the board members. The Board decides if the absolute majority of members are present at the session and decisions and conclusions are made by the majority of votes of the board members present.

4. The Board is responsible to the Assembly for its work.

Article 43

1. The Supervisory Board of the branch organization is the body that supervises the financial and material operations of the branch organization and the intended use of the branch organization's funds.

2. The Supervisory Board is elected by the Assembly at the constitutive session for a mandate period of four years, with the possibility of reelection. The composition and number of members of the Supervisory Board is determined by the branch organization's statutes.

3. The Supervisory Board elects a president from among its members.

4. He reports on his work to the Board and the Assembly.

Article 44

1. The Assembly and the Board of the Croatian Red Cross Branch Organization may establish permanent and temporary working, advisory and expert bodies for the performance of specific operations and tasks.

2. Permanent bodies of the Assembly are established for the following fields:

- human health and social work activities and assistance (first aid, voluntary blood donation, good-neighbourly assistance, humanitarian aid, promotion of healthy lifestyles, addiction prevention, etc.);
- promoting knowledge of the Geneva Conventions, International Humanitarian law and human rights as well as the Tracing Service;
- work with young people;

- preparations and actions in crisis situations, other mass disasters and armed conflicts;
- development of the branch organization as a whole (organizational structure, membership, development programmes and similar);
- intermunicipal, intercity, intercounty or international cooperation, as well as
- other fields that are in accordance with the public powers, activities, operations and mission of the Croatian Red Cross.

3. The decision of the Assembly or the Board on the establishment of the aforementioned bodies shall determine their composition, scope, procedures and obligations.

Article 45

1. The director of the Croatian Red Cross branch organization represents the branch organization. He is the order-issuing authority for the realization of the financial plan, prepares the work plan and financial plan, implements the decisions of the branch organization bodies, manages the work of the expert services, i.e. the staff and is accountable for his work to the Board and Assembly of his branch organization and to the Governing Board .

2. The director holds office for a mandate period of four years with the possibility of reappointment.

3. A person satisfying the following conditions can be elected as director: completed undergraduate and graduate university study or integrated undergraduate and graduate university study or specialized graduate professional study and at least three years of work experience in the prescribed professional qualification or completed undergraduate professional study and at least four years work experience in the prescribed professional qualification.

4. Following an Open job competition, the branch organization Board, with the prior consent of the Governing Board, concludes an employment contract with the director, as regards the professional performance of the director's duties.

5. The branch organization director cannot be a member of the Board, Supervisory Board or Assembly of the branch organization in which he performs the duties of the director, but attends the sessions of the Assembly, Supervisory Board and Board.

6. The Board can decide on a deputy director, which is determined by the statute.

7. A specific regulation is adopted by the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly on the election and appointment procedure, disciplinary procedure, cessation of the director's duties and other issues.

Article 46

1. Expert services may be established to perform professional, administrative and technical work and auxiliary tasks in the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations and their bodies.

2. Workers in Croatian Red Cross branch organizations with a legal status cannot be members of the Assembly, Supervisory Board and Board of the Branch Organization.

7. Bodies of the Croatian Red Cross

Article 47

The bodies of the Croatian Red Cross are:

- General Assembly,
- President and vice-presidents,
- Governing Board,
- Executive president,
- Supervisory Board.

Article 48

1. Members elected to the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross shall act permanently in the interest of the Croatian Red Cross. In the event that a member of the Croatian Red Cross is elected to a position in a public authority or political party, he will ensure that his work is not affected by a conflict of interest regarding the activities of the Croatian Red Cross.

2. If it is not possible to ensure that his work is free from any conflict of interest, the member of the body from Paragraph 1 of this Article shall resign from the functions he holds in the Croatian Red Cross.

3. Persons in management positions are obliged to report all potential or actual conflicts of interest or issues that could be considered a conflict of interest. In the event of a potential or actual conflict of interest, the person concerned must refrain from discussing and voting on issues related to him.

4. The candidacy procedure, the election procedure, the ethical statement and other issues related to the election of representatives and members to the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross and the bodies of its organizational forms are governed by a specific regulation adopted by the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.

Article 49

1. Sessions of the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross can be held live, in virtual form or hybridly, especially in case of unforeseen circumstances, force majeure or public health situations such as epidemics, pandemics, endemic diseases or other similar situations that could prevent the holding of the sessions of the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross live.

2. In the case of holding a session in a virtual or hybrid form, the discussion and voting will be held in accordance with the instructions for electronic sessions in the Croatian Red Cross and can be held using specialized applications for video conferences via the Internet, via electronic mail or in any other suitable way that enables registration, participation and voting via the Internet.

Article 50

1. The General Assembly is the highest management and governing body of the Croatian Red Cross, whose work takes place at sessions at least twice a year, in which members participate through elected representatives. Each representative has one vote.

2. The General Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross has a total of up to 145 representatives, namely:

- 1 representative elected from each Croatian Red Cross Branch Organization named in Article 26 of this Statute,
- up to 8 honorary members proposed by the Governing Board and
- two representatives from the Croatian Red Cross Youth elected by the Croatian Red Cross Youth Assembly.

3. The mandate of an General Assembly representative is granted for four years with the possibility of reelection.”

Article 51

1. General Assembly sessions are convened by the Croatian Red Cross president and they are convened as ordinary and extraordinary.
2. The ordinary session is held at least twice a year.
3. An extraordinary session is convened as necessary.
4. The electoral constitutive session is held every four years.
5. The executive president convenes the election constitutive session in case of early mandate cessation of General Assembly members.
6. The President of the Croatian Red Cross is obliged to convene the General Assembly at the request of the Governing Board or one third of the General Assembly representatives and if the Croatian Red Cross President does not convene the General Assembly within 30 days from the date of receiving the request to convene the General Assembly, the General Assembly session can be convened by the applicant.
7. In the event of mandate expiry of the Croatian Red Cross bodies, the General Assembly is convened by the representative last registered in the Association Register of the Republic of Croatia or by the minimum number of members prescribed for the establishment of an association.
8. The General Assembly may take decisions when an absolute majority of the General Assembly representatives are present at the session and enforceable decisions are made by a majority vote of the representatives present. In the cases prescribed by this Statute, a qualified majority is determined for individual decisions.
9. In extraordinary situations, in the event that not enough representatives are present, the General Assembly will meet again within 48 hours, and in that case, decisions are made if one third of the representatives are present and by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Article 52

1. The General Assembly within its scope of work:
 1. adopts the Statute of the Croatian Red Cross and its amendments,
 2. adopts the Code of Ethics of the Croatian Red Cross,
 3. adopts programme orientation and development programmes for the mandate period,

4. adopts the work plan and financial plan for the next calendar year,
 5. approves the activity report for the previous calendar year and the annual financial report,
 6. considers and adopts reports on activities and operations for the mandate period,
 7. makes a decision on the deadlines for conducting elections for representatives,
 8. elects and dismisses the president and vice-presidents of the Croatian Red Cross, members of the Governing Board and the Supervisory Board,
 9. makes decisions on status changes of the Croatian Red Cross,
 10. decides on the change of objectives and activities, economic activities, cessation of work and distribution of remaining assets of the Croatian Red Cross,
 11. makes decisions on the funds of the Croatian Red Cross and monitors their effectiveness and the intended use of funds,
 12. makes a decision on membership fees,
 13. adopts the Regulation on the organization, preparedness and action of the Croatian Red Cross in crisis situations,
 14. adopts the Regulation on the Croatian Red Cross Tracing Service,
 15. adopts the Regulation on recognitions of the Croatian Red Cross, establishes the Commission for Recognitions and appoints its members,
 16. adopts the Regulation on elections in the Croatian Red Cross,
 17. adopts the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and other documents,
 18. decides on other issues for which this Statute does not establish the competence of other Croatian Red Cross bodies.
2. Acts adopted by the General Assembly are binding on all Croatian Red Cross branch organizations.

Article 53

1. The President of the Croatian Red Cross is the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Governing Board.
2. The President of the Croatian Red Cross is an honourable position that can be held by a person who has contributed to the development of humanity and solidarity in accordance with the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
3. The President is elected from among the General Assembly representatives at the constitutive session of the General Assembly for a mandate period of four years, with the possibility of reelection, not more than three consecutive times. The President of the Croatian Red Cross is elected by an absolute majority vote of the General Assembly members present.
4. The function of the Croatian Red Cross president is carried out voluntarily.
5. The President represents the Croatian Red Cross individually in the country and abroad, convenes and presides over sessions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board,

signs decisions and other documents adopted by these bodies and performs other tasks entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Governing Board.

6.The Croatian Red Cross has two vice-presidents.

7.In the event of the president's absence or being prevented from attending for a longer period of time, he is replaced with all powers by the vice-presidents in the order determined by the General Assembly. The president can authorize one of the vice presidents for the performance of specific tasks.

8.The provisions on the election and mandate duration of the president also apply to the function of the vice president.

Article 54

1. A person can be appointed honorary president if through his activities, he has particularly contributed to the development and reputation of the Croatian Red Cross, to the respect for the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and to the strengthening of the Croatian Red Cross reputation in the public.

2.The honorary president can only be a person who has held the position of president of the Croatian Red Cross.

3.The honorary president is appointed for life and the appointment is decided by the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.

4.The honorary president can represent the Croatian Red Cross.

Article 55

1.The Governing Board is responsible for operations between sessions of the General Assembly and resolves all issues during the business year in accordance with the decisions, conclusions and recommendations of the General Assembly.

2.The Governing Board has a maximum of 23 members, one of them is a representative of the Croatian Red Cross Youth elected by the Croatian Red Cross Youth Assembly.

3. The Governing Board consists of the president, two vice-presidents and elected members.

4. Members of the Governing Board are elected by the General Assembly at the constitutive session from among the General Assembly representatives for a mandate period of four years, with the possibility of reelection, not more than two consecutive times.

Article 56

1.The constitutive session of the Governing Board is convened by the president of the Croatian Red Cross.

2. Ordinary or extraordinary sessions of the Governing Board are convened by the president of the Croatian Red Cross, as required or at the request of one third of the Governing Board members.

3. The Governing Board decides if the session is attended by an absolute majority of members and decisions and conclusions are made by the majority of votes of Governing Board members present.

4. The Governing Board holds at least four sessions a year.

5.The Governing Board is responsible to the General Assembly for its work.

6. Other issues related to the work of the Governing Board shall be regulated by the rules of procedure.

Article 57

1. The Governing Board within its scope of work:

1. takes care of the implementation of decisions, conclusions and recommendations of the General Assembly,

2. supervises the use and disposition of funds in accordance with the financial plan,

3. considers and evaluates the work plan and financial plan for the next calendar year and the activity report for the previous calendar year and sends them to the General Assembly for adoption,

4. sends the annual financial report to the General Assembly for adoption

5. appoints and dismisses the executive president for a mandate period or shorter as an acting president for six months,

6. gives its consent to the appointment of directors of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations,

7. appoints and dismisses honorary members of the Croatian Red Cross,

8. makes a decision on the establishment of legal entities for the performance of economic activities,

9. makes a decision on the conditions governing the use of funds, monitoring and supervision of purposeful spending,

10. establishes permanent and temporary working bodies,

11. passes a decision on joint campaigns of the Croatian Red Cross,

12. makes a decision on the method the Croatian Red Cross operates in an armed conflict and other emergency situations,

13. passes regulations that do not fall under the exclusive competence of the General Assembly,

14. evaluates the situation and operation methods of the Croatian Red Cross branch organizations,

15. establishes an ethics committee and appoints its members,

16. elects representatives and delegates for international bodies,

17. passes acts on systematization, working relationships and salaries of employees in the Croatian Red Cross Headquarters

18. reports and is accountable for its work to the General Assembly,

19. solves other issues of organization and work.

2. Acts adopted by the Governing Board relating to the work of Croatian Red Cross branch organizations are binding on all Croatian Red Cross branch organizations.

Article 58

1. The executive president of the Croatian Red Cross represents the Croatian Red Cross individually in the country and abroad, being the order-issuing authority for the implementation of the financial plan and is responsible for the legality of the operations, manages the operations of the Headquarters and is responsible for the implementation of the tasks entrusted to the Headquarters and is an authorized representative of the Croatian Red Cross in relation to third parties and before the court.
2. The executive president holds office for a mandate period of four years with the possibility of reappointment, not more than three consecutive times.
3. A person who meets the following conditions can be elected as the executive president: completed undergraduate and graduate university study or integrated undergraduate and graduate university study or specialized graduate professional study and at least ten years of work experience in managerial positions, active knowledge of one world language.
4. The appointment procedure for the executive president is conducted by the Governing Board following an Open job competition in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the act on the systematization of the Headquarters. An employment contract is concluded with the executive president.
5. The executive president shall be accountable for his work to the Governing Board and the General Assembly.
6. The executive president implements the decisions adopted by the Croatian Red Cross bodies, prepares the budget and financial reports, prepares the work plan and financial plan, is responsible for submitting the annual financial report to the General Assembly, reports to the Croatian Red Cross bodies on the work of the Croatian Red Cross. Monitors the operation of all Croatian Red Cross branch organizations, initiates advisory and internal supervision and informs the Governing Board about the same. Decides on employment in the Headquarters, submits minutes from the ordinary session of the General Assembly to the competent office keeping the association register and other documents required.
7. In his work, the executive president adopts rules, plans, instructions, advice, guidelines and other acts on the operations of the Headquarters, which do not fall under the exclusive competence of other Croatian Red Cross bodies.
8. The executive president cannot be a member of the General Assembly, the Supervisory Board or the Governing Board of the Croatian Red Cross, but he attends the sessions of the General Assembly, the Supervisory Board and the Governing Board.
9. The executive president has a deputy who replaces the executive president in case of his absence or being prevented from attending.
10. The executive president can appoint assistants for certain activities from among the workers. In case of absence of the executive president and deputy or being prevented from attending, the executive president is replaced by one of the assistants in the order determined by a specific decision of the executive president.

Article 59

1. The Supervisory Board of the Croatian Red Cross has the following duties:

1. considers the work plan and financial plan for the next calendar year and the activity report for the previous calendar year,
 2. monitors the implementation or use of funds within the framework of the financial plan,
 3. considers the proposal of the Statute, the proposal for amendments and additions to the Statute and all general acts that may have an effect on material and financial operations,
 4. reviews the financial reports that are submitted in accordance with the regulations governing the financial operations and accountancy of non-profit organizations and
 5. supervises financial and material operations in other ways.
2. The Supervisory Board has five members.
3. The members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the General Assembly at the constitutive session for a mandate period of four years with the possibility of reelection, not more than two consecutive times. A person who fulfills the following conditions can be elected as a member of the Supervisory Board: completed graduate university study or integrated undergraduate and graduate university study or specialized graduate professional study or a study recognized as equivalent to it in a relevant profession (economics or law), at least five years of work experience acquired in managerial positions, knowledge of finance and accounting.
4. The Supervisory Board elects a president from among its members and adopts rules of procedure on its work.
5. Reports on the operations to the Governing Board and the General Assembly.

Article 60

1. In the Croatian Red Cross, the Headquarters perform the following work: expert advisory, programming, coordination, educational, administrative and technical work, supervisory activities and other tasks. The work of the Croatian Red Cross Headquarters are managed by the Executive President of the Croatian Red Cross.
2. The organization and scope of work of the Croatian Red Cross Headquarters is governed by an act adopted by the Governing Board.
3. Employees of the Croatian Red Cross Headquarters cannot be members of the Governing Board, the Supervisory Board and the General Assembly of the Croatian Red Cross.

8. High Patron of the Croatian Red Cross

Article 61

1. The Croatian Red Cross can have a High Patron for its work and activities in its humanitarian mission.
2. The High Patron of the Croatian Red Cross is a person of a most distinguished reputation and honour with special merits for the Republic of Croatia.
3. The General Assembly decides on the proposal of the Governing Board for the appointment of a High Patron.
4. If the High Patron is a person who holds a high office, the patronage, as a rule, ends with the termination of that function.

5. The High Patron of the Croatian Red Cross cannot elect or be elected to the bodies of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms.

9. Funding and assets of the Croatian Red Cross

Article 62

For the attainment of its objectives and the performance of public powers and activities, the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms acquire funds:

1. from membership fees,
2. from the budget of all local and regional self-government units and from the state budget of the Republic of Croatia,
3. of the activities whose execution has been entrusted to the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms by the Republic of Croatia, local and regional self-government units, and legal and natural persons,
4. from activities and contracted programmes,
5. from special campaigns and activities undertaken with the purpose of collecting financial and material resources,
6. from grants, subsidies, gifts and inheritances,
7. from income of property and rights,
8. from fees for organizing prize games pursuant to the provisions in force,
9. from contributions of citizens, legal entities and others,
10. from the income obtained on the basis of laws and other regulations.

Article 63

1. The income and expenses of the Croatian Red Cross are established by the financial plan.
2. The financial plan is adopted by the General Assembly each year based on the annual work plan before the beginning of the year in which the financial plan shall be applied. Exceptionally, if a financial plan is not adopted before the beginning of the year, temporary financing can be performed based on the financial plan from the previous year, but not longer than for the first three months of the following year.
3. The General Assembly adopts amendments and additions to the financial plan.
4. At the end of the year, an annual calculation is made, which establishes the results of financial operations.

Article 64

Branch Organizations of the Croatian Red Cross are obliged to submit the annual financial report to the Croatian Red Cross no later than 30 days after the expiry of the legal deadline for submission established by specific regulations, in order to prepare a consolidated report.

Article 65

1. The Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms may establish companies for the pursuit of economic activities, in accordance with the provisions of specific regulations.

2. The activities referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be in contradiction with the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
3. The income from Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be used exclusively for the achievement of the objectives established by this Statute, for financing the work and programmes of the Croatian Red Cross and its organizational forms.

Article 66

1. The Croatian Red Cross may own immovable property, movable property and financial assets.
2. The Croatian Red Cross will not accept gifts if it has knowledge that they derive from income gained from activities that are in conflict with the fundamental principles or objectives of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
3. The method of using financial resources, disposal of assets and other issues related to financial and material operations are regulated in accordance with the law and other regulations and based on the decisions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board.
4. The decision on disposal of immovable property of the Croatian Red Cross is made by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority vote of all representatives.

10. Termination of the Croatian Red Cross operations

Article 67

1. The Croatian Red Cross ceases its operation when one of the conditions established by law occurs and when the decision on cessation of operation is made by the General Assembly at a session where two-thirds of the representatives are present and by a majority vote of those present and voting.
2. Upon the termination of the Croatian Red Cross operations, unless the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly decides otherwise, all assets of the Croatian Red Cross shall go to the Republic of Croatia.
3. In the case of liquidation proceedings, the provisions of specific regulations shall be applied.
4. The liquidator is appointed and dismissed by the Governing Board.

11. Procedure for adopting the Croatian Red Cross Statute

Article 68

1. The Governing Board appoints a Statutory Commission for drafting the Statute. The Statutory Commission prepares the Draft Statute and sends it to the Governing Board.
2. The Governing Board lays down the Draft Statute and sends it to the county branch organization for public debate. Exceptionally, the public debate is not conducted if it is on harmonizing the Statute with the orders of competent state bodies.
3. Boards of county branch organizations organize and coordinate the public debate of all boards of municipal and city branch organizations with legal status in their area. The public debate is held within 30 days and the results of the public debate are sent to the Statutory Commission by the boards of the county branch organization.

4. The Statutory Commission submits a report on the conducted public debate to the Governing Board, which establishes the Proposition of the Statute.
5. The Proposition of the Statute is submitted to the Joint Commission of the International Red Cross Committee and the International Federation Commission for National Societies Statutes for opinion. The Commission's recommendations will be taken into account before it is being accepted at the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly.
6. The Statute of the Croatian Red Cross is adopted by the General Assembly by an absolute majority vote of all representatives. In the event that not enough representatives are present, the General Assembly will meet again within the next 48 hours, in which case decisions are made if one-third of the representatives are present and by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Article 69

1. Amendments and additions to the Statute of the Croatian Red Cross are adopted in the same manner and procedure established for its adoption.
2. The interpretation of this Statute is provided by the General Assembly.

12. Transitional and final provisions

Article 70

With the entry into force of this Statute, the following cease to be valid:

-Statute of the Croatian Red Cross as of March 22nd, 2016, File ref.: 11-1/2016 ("Official Gazette", number 56/16),

-Decision on Amendments to the Statute of the Croatian Red Cross, CLASSIFICATION No: 230-03/23-11/01, File ref.: 101-03-23-06 ("Official Gazette", number 45/23) and

-Regulations on the method of awarding honorary membership of the Croatian Red Cross as of December 14th, 2016, File ref: 11-2/2016.

Article 71

1. The Croatian Red Cross will harmonize the provisions of the general acts within 90 days from the date of Statute change registration in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia.
2. Until the harmonization of the general acts from Paragraph 1 of this Article, the existing ones shall be applied, if they are not in contradiction with this Statute.
3. All Croatian Red Cross branch organizations are obliged to harmonize their statutes with this Statute within 90 days from the date of Statute change registration in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 72

The Statute of the Croatian Red Cross will be published in "Narodne novine" /Official Gazette/ and will enter into force on the eighth day from the publication date in "Narodne novine", except for the provisions of Article 41, Paragraph 2, Article 42, Paragraph 2, and Article 43, Paragraph 2, Article 50, Paragraph 2, Article 53, Paragraph 3, Article 55, Paragraph 2 and Article 59, Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 3, which are applicable from the election of the 24th convocation of the Croatian Red Cross General Assembly and the provisions of the Article 45, Paragraphs 2 and 3 and Article 58, Paragraphs 2 and 3, which

are applicable from the election of the director or executive president upon the expiration of the current mandate.

President of the Croatian Red Cross

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