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RED CROSS SOCIETY ACT

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SCHEDULE—The Geneva Conventions

CHAPTER 278

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Grenada Red Cross Society and for connected purposes

Acts
24 of 1981
38 of 1986

[21st August, 1981]

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title

RED CROSS SOCIETY ACT.

2. In this Act—

Interpretation

“the Society” means the Grenada Red Cross Society established by section 3;

“the Branch” means the Branch of the British Red Cross Society that existed in Grenada before the commencement of this Act;

“Geneva Conventions” means the Geneva Conventions specified in the Schedule;

“the rules” means the rules of the Society made under section 8 and for the time being in force.

3. For the purpose of maintaining and carrying on the objects set out in section 4(1) the members of the Branch and all persons who may hereafter become members of the Society pursuant to this Act and the rules are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Grenada Red Cross Society, which shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property.

Incorporation
of the
Grenada
Red Cross
Society

4. (1) The objects of the 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.

Objects and
principles of
the Society

(2) In pursuing the above mentioned objects the 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.

Use of
heraldic
emblem

5. The Society is hereby recognized by the Government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities both for the purpose 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 background, formed by reversing the Swiss Federal colours.

Nature of
the Society
to be
respected

6. 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.

Governing
body

7. The governing body of the Society shall be a General Assembly constituted in accordance with the rules. The General Assembly may from time to time appoint a Central Council with such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the rules.

Rules

8. (1) The General Assembly shall make rules for the management of the affairs of the Society and the accomplishment of its objects including rules providing—

- (a) that membership of the Society shall not be withheld from any citizen of Grenada on the grounds of race, class, sex, religion or faith, or political opinion;
- (b) that all members and associates of the Society have representation on the General Assembly.

(2) The rules may from time to time be altered, added to or repealed by the General Assembly and new rules may from time to time be made in like manner.

Offences

9. (1) It shall not be lawful for any person, other than as authorized under section 5 or under the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, to use for any purpose whatever the emblem of the red cross on a white background mentioned in section 5 or the emblems of the red crescent or red lion on a white

background or any colourable imitation thereof or the words "Red Cross".

(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

10. (1) On the date of commencement of this Act—

(a) all the assets and liabilities of the Branch shall be transferred to and vested in the Society by virtue of this section, without further assurance, and the Society shall have all the powers necessary to take possession of, recover and deal with such assets and discharge such liabilities;

(b) all deeds, bonds, instruments and contracts subsisting immediately before the date of commencement of this Act to which the Branch is party shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Society and enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of the Branch, the Society had been a party thereto.

(2) The first members of the General Assembly shall be those persons who immediately before the commencement of this Act are the members of the Committee of the Branch.

(3) Officers of the Branch shall hold corresponding appointments in the Society until other provision is made pursuant to the rules, and life associates and associates of the Branch shall become corresponding life associates and associates of the Society, but subject to any provision in the rules.

Vesting of
assets and
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