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Bill No. 29***Uganda Red Cross Society Bill*****2019****THE UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY BILL, 2019**

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MEMORANDUM 03 DEC 20 19 ★**1. Object of the Bill**

The object of this Bill is to provide for the continued existence of the Uganda Red Cross Society as the sole National Red Cross Society of Uganda and for the management and operation thereof; to bring up to date, the regulation of the use and protection of the name or emblem of the Red Cross or Red Crescent, the red crystal, the red lion and the red sun; and to repeal the Red Cross Act Cap. 57.

2. Defects in the existing law

Whereas the Uganda Red Cross has a special and officially recognised status under both international and national laws as an auxiliary voluntary organisation in the humanitarian field in Uganda, its objectives, functions, management, governance and funding are not expressly catered for under the Red Cross Society Act. Cap 57. This has presented many challenges relating lack of integrated and coordinated Disaster Risk Management, lack of clarity on government financial support and tax exemption to the Uganda Red Cross Society, administration of the monies and property held by the Uganda Red Cross Society.

The objects of the Society as stated in section 2 of the existing Act are defined in general terms and do not specifically speak to provide for the most critical roles and mandates of the Uganda Red Cross Society today.

The provision relating to the use and protection of the emblem and symbol of the Red Cross, Red Crescent Movement is very limited in scope and does not adequately reflect the legal entitlement of the Uganda Red Cross Society to make use of the emblem under international legal frameworks regulating the use and the protections, nor does it provide for punitive and prohibitive punishment for misuse and violation of the red cross emblem.

3. Justification for the Bill

The Bill therefore seeks to strengthen and promote the capacity of the Uganda Red Cross Society as the sole national Red Cross society by securing the protective and indicative use of the emblems of the Red Cross in accordance with the standards and guidelines set forth under the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols on the protection of victims of war.

It also seeks to provide for effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and standardization in the administration and management of the Society to curb maladministration, corruption, abuse of office and poor corporate governance.

It further seeks to provide for effective prosecution for misuse of the Red Cross emblems.

4. Provisions of the Bill

The Bill consists of 5 parts and a Schedule.

4.1. Part I of the Bill – Preliminary

Part 1 deals with preliminaries including interpretation.

4.2. Part II of the Bill – General Provisions about the Uganda Red Cross Society

Part II of the Bill deals with the establishment of the Society and the Incorporation of the Society in the domestic Ugandan legal order. It aims to define the objects of the Society, as well as the latter's distinct and privileged status as an auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field and its voluntary nature. Part II also confirms the duty and commitment of the Government and of the public authorities of Uganda to respect the ability of the Uganda Red Cross Society to act and operate at all times in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Lastly, Part II briefly defines, with due reference to the Uganda Red Cross Society's Constitution and By-laws, the modes of organization and operation of the National Society as well as its membership.

4.3. Part III of the Bill - Assets of the Uganda Red Cross Society

Part III of the Bill defines the power of the Society to acquire and dispose of property, its fiscal and duties' privileges, as well as its modes of resourcing.

4.4. Part IV of the Bill –On the entitlement of the URCS to display the emblem and on the use and the protections of the distinctive emblems of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal, Red Lion & the sun.

Part IV of the Bill defines the entitlement of the Uganda Red Cross Society to make use of the emblem of the Red Cross

in accordance with the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, the Movement's agreed regulatory and policy frameworks, and applicable domestic Ugandan law. It defines rules on the use of the emblem as well as penalties for misuse of the emblems.

4.5. Part V of the Bill – Miscellaneous

Part V deals with miscellaneous matters i.e.—

- (a) Repeal of the Red Cross Act;
- (b) Saving and transitional provisions

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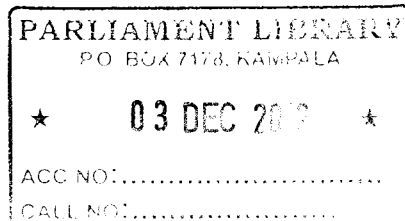
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SCHEDULE



A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

THE UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY ACT, 2019

An Act to accord recognition to the Uganda Red Cross Society as a voluntary aid organisation and the sole national Red Cross Society in Uganda; to establish the governing organs of the Uganda Red Cross Society; to provide membership to the society; prohibit the unauthorised use of the name or emblem of the Red Cross or Red Crescent; to regulate the use and protection of the emblem of the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, the Red Crystal, and the Red Lion and Sun to repeal the Red Cross Act Cap 57; and to provide matters incidental thereto.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Uganda Red Cross Society Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—

“Additional Protocols” means the Protocols set out in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Schedules to the Geneva Conventions Act Cap 363 Laws of Uganda;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Society duly incorporated and registered in accordance with the laws of Uganda;

“emblem of the Geneva Convention” means the heraldic emblem of the red cross on a white ground, formed by reversing the Federal colours of Switzerland, as defined in the Geneva Convention;

“Geneva Conventions” means the Conventions set out in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Schedules to the Geneva Conventions Act Cap 363, Laws of Uganda;

“Minister” means the minister responsible for Disaster Management and Preparedness;

“Movement” means the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement;

“Public authorities” means any ministry, department or agency of Government including a local government and statutory corporations.

“Society” means the Uganda Red Cross Society.

PART II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

3. Recognition of the Uganda Red Cross Society.

(1) the Uganda Red Cross Society established under section 1 of the Red Cross Act, hereinafter called “the Society” is hereby recognised and shall continue in existence as the national Red Cross or Red Crescent Society for the Republic of Uganda.

(2) the Society shall form the basic unit of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and shall be a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

(3) the Society shall carry out its activities anywhere in Uganda.

4. Incorporation of the Society.

(1) The Society shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may for the purposes of discharging its functions under this Act—

- (a) acquire, hold or dispose of movable and immovable property;
- (b) sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (c) do all acts and things that a body corporate may lawfully do.

(2) Rules relating to membership, management and governance of the Society shall be laid down in the Constitution of the Society which shall be registered in accordance with the laws of Uganda.

5. Recognition of the independence and voluntary nature of Society

(1) The Society shall—

- (a) be a voluntary aid society, auxiliary to the public authorities in Uganda in the humanitarian field,
- (b) render assistance to the medical services of the armed forces in times of armed conflict.

(2) A public authority in Uganda shall at all time respect and support as far as possible, the Society's adherence to the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the voluntary and independent nature of the Society.

(3) A public authority shall work with the Society in a concerted and efficient manner in response to conflict, violence or disasters and shall support the work of the Society in its efforts to mobilise, recruit, train and retain volunteers that will play an important role in fulfilling its objectives and its auxiliary status.

(4) The Society shall at all times act in accordance with its own Constitution and this Act.

6. Objects of Society

The objects of the Society are to—

- (a) prevent and help alleviate the suffering of any person without any adverse discrimination as to nationality, race, ethnicity, religious belief, color, status, wealth, sex, language or political opinion, or similar criteria;
- (b) provide humanitarian aid and relief to members of armed forces and civilians in times of armed conflict in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols;
- (c) act as a leading organization and to take part in national preparedness and humanitarian response plans in situations of armed conflict and other situations of violence, natural or man-made disasters and other emergencies, which may strike within the territory of the State;
- (d) carry out training and certification in areas related to emergency services, pre- and post- hospital care, first aid, humanitarian assistance and disaster management.
- (e) carry out emergency response and provide ambulance services in areas of medical health care, accidents and other emergencies.

- (f) provide community services to the general population through the Society's own programs in such fields as health, the prevention of diseases, disaster management, social welfare, education among other activities in the humanitarian field;
- (g) manage an effective national network to restore family links between people separated as a consequence of armed conflict, other situations of violence, natural or man-made disasters or other situations requiring a humanitarian response;
- (h) cooperate with the Public Authorities and public service personnel in the national application and implementation of international humanitarian law, and to ensure the protection of the red cross and of other distinctive emblems and designations recognized under the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols;
- (i) promote and disseminate international humanitarian law, disaster law, the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the spirit of volunteerism;
- (j) cooperate with other Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in carrying out its activities freely and in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- (k) do all other things incidental to or in furtherance of the above objects.

7. Membership of the Society

(1) Membership of the Society shall be open to everyone without discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, language, religion, political opinion or similar considerations.

(2) Procedures governing admission to membership, categories of membership and, the rights and duties of members shall be as prescribed in the Constitution and other rules and regulations of the Society.

8. Governance and Management

(1) The General Assembly shall be the supreme governing body of the Society constituted in accordance with the Constitution of the Society.

(2) The Society shall establish a Governing Board and a Secretariat with such duties and powers as may be prescribed under the Constitution.

(3) The Society may establish regional and district offices across Uganda as deemed necessary by the General Assembly from time to time.

PART III—FINANCE, ASSETS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY**9. Property and assets of Society**

(1) The Society shall have the power to invest in income generating activities for the sole purpose of supporting the carrying out of its humanitarian activities in conformity with the principles, policies and regulations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements.

(2) The Society may, within the limits defined by its objects and functions, acquire, own, alienate and administer such property as it deems fit; and may accept any conveyance of real estate for its use or benefit.

(3) The Society may constitute and administer any reserve, insurance or other funds for its staff or any of its activities.

(4) A public authority shall, as appropriate, make provisions for covering the cost of any service or activity that they may entrust to the Society within the scope of the Society's objects and functions and the conditions for the implementation of such services or activities shall be laid down in agreements between the Society and the relevant public authority.

10. Funds of the Society.

(1) The funds of the Society shall consist of—

- a) money appropriated to the Society by the Government for purposes relating to the Society's auxiliary role to Government;
- b) grants or monies donated to the Society through the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness or money donated to the Society by any foreign government, international agency or other external body of persons, corporate or unincorporated;
- c) money received by the Society by way of voluntary contributions or membership fees;
- d) monies earned from business ventures undertaken by the Society for the advancement of the humanitarian work of the Society; and
- e) contributions from national and international organizations, and individuals, as well as funds raised through fundraising activities, and will also include income generated from investing such contributions and other funds

(2) The Society shall not accept any contributions in any form, from any individuals or organizations, the purpose of which are inconsistent with the overall objects of the Society as laid down under this Act.

(3) The Society shall have its accounts prepared and audited at least once a year in accordance with the Constitution of the Society

11. Tax Exemptions

(1) The assets of the Society, including its financial resources and real estate as well as the revenue from its income generating activities, shall be exempted from taxes and duties in accordance with the applicable laws.

(2) The Society shall be exempted from the obligation to pay import duties in accordance with applicable tax laws.

PART IV—THE USE AND PROTECTIONS OF THE EMBLEM AND DESIGNATIONS OF THE RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT, RED CRYSTAL, RED LION AND SUN

12. Protective use and indicative use of emblem

(1) In time of armed conflict, the emblem used as a protective device shall be the visible sign of the protection conferred by the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols on medical personnel and medical units and transports and the dimensions of the emblem shall therefore be as large as possible in size

(2) The emblem used as an indicative device shall show that a person or an object is linked to an institution of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and shall be small in size.

13. Use by the Medical Services of the armed forces

(1) Under the control of the Ministry of Defense, the medical service of the armed forces of the Republic of Uganda shall, both in peacetime and in time of armed conflict, use the red cross to mark its medical personnel, medical units and transport on the ground, at sea and in the air.

(2) Medical personnel shall wear armlets and carry identity cards displaying the emblem, as shall be issued by the Ministry of Defense.

(3) Religious personnel attached to the armed forces shall be afforded the same protection as medical personnel and shall be identified in the same way.

(4) Where this may enhance protection, the medical services and personnel attached to the armed forces may, without prejudice to their current emblem, make temporary use of either of the other distinctive emblems recognized by, and enjoying equal status under, the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols.

14. Use by hospitals and other civilian medical units

(1) With the express authorization of the Uganda Red Cross Society, civilian medical personnel, hospitals and other civilian medical units, as well as civilian medical transports, assigned in particular to the transport and treatment of the wounded, sick and shipwrecked, shall be marked by the emblem, used as a protective device, in times of armed conflict.

(2) Civilian medical personnel shall wear armlets and carry identity cards displaying the emblem, as shall be issued by the Ministry of Health in consultation with the Uganda Red Cross Society.

(3) Civilian religious personnel attached to hospitals and other medical units shall be identified in the same way.

15. Use of Red Cross Emblem by the Uganda Red Cross Society

(1) The Society shall be authorised to use the emblem of the red cross on a white background and the designation "Red Cross" for all the purposes foreseen by the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, in conformity with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977 and 2005, the 1991 "Regulations on the Use of the Emblem by National Societies" adopted by the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and this Act.

(2) The Society shall use its distinctive logo and seal consisting of the heraldic sign of the red cross on a white background surrounded with the words “Uganda Red Cross Society” (or any abbreviation thereof).

(3) The Ugandan Red Cross Society is authorized to use the emblem as an indicative device in order to show that a person or an object is linked to the National Society and the dimensions of the emblem shall be small, so as to avoid any confusion with the emblem employed as a protective device.

(4) The Uganda Red Cross Society may, in accordance with national legislation and in exceptional circumstances and to facilitate its work, make temporary use of the red crystal.

(5) Uganda Red Cross Society shall apply the “Regulations on the Use of the Emblem of the Cross or the Red Crescent by the National Societies.”

(6) National Societies incorporated in other countries operating on the territory of Uganda shall, with the consent of the Uganda Red Cross Society, be entitled to use the emblem under the same conditions.

(7) The *Uganda Red Cross Society* is authorized to place medical personnel and medical units and transports at the disposal of the medical service of the armed forces.

(8) Such personnel, units and transports shall be subject to military laws and regulations and may be authorized by the Ministry of Defence to display as a protective device the emblem of the red cross, or, where this may enhance protection, to make temporary use of either of the other distinctive emblems recognized by, and enjoying equal status, under the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols.

(9) Such personnel shall wear armlets and carry identity cards, in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 4, of the present law.

(10) The National Society may be authorized to use the emblem as a protective device for its medical personnel and medical units in accordance with Article 17 of the present law.

16. Use by the International organizations of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

(1) The International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies may make use of the emblem of the red cross and red crescent at any time and for all their activities.

(2) The International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and their duly authorised personnel, may make use of the red crystal in exceptional circumstances and to facilitate their work.

17. Control measures.

(1) The Government shall at all times ensure strict compliance with the rules governing the use of the emblems of the red cross, the red crescent, the red crystal, the red lion and sun; and the names “red cross,” “red crescent” “red crystal”, “red lion and sun “and the distinctive signals.

(2) The Minister shall in consultation with the Uganda Red Cross Society prescribe such measures and guidelines for persons authorized to use the said emblems, names and signals.

(3) The Government shall take every appropriate step to prevent misuse, in particular—

- (i) disseminate the rules in question as widely as possible among the armed forces, the police forces, the authorities and the civilian population;

- (ii) issue instructions to national civilian and military authorities on the use of the distinctive emblem in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols and by providing for the necessary penal, administrative and disciplinary sanctions in cases of misuse.

PART V—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

18. Misuse of the emblem as a protective device in time of armed conflict.

(1) A person who wilfully causes death or is given the order to commit acts resulting in the death of, or causing serious harm to the body or health of, an adversary by making perfidious use of the red cross, the red crescent, or a distinctive signal, commits a war crime and shall on conviction be liable in accordance with the laws governing war crimes in Uganda. Perfidious use of the red crystal under the same conditions shall be subject to the same penalty.

(2) in this section—

“Perfidious use” means appealing to the good faith of the adversary, with the intention to deceive him and make him believe that he was entitled to receive or was obliged to confer the protection provided for by the rules of international humanitarian law.

“Distinctive signal” means any signal means any signal or message specified for the identification exclusively of medical units or transports pursuant to Annex 1 to Additional Protocol 1.

(3) A person who in times of armed conflict, uses wilfully and without entitlement the red cross, the red crescent, or the red crystal, red lion and sun, or a distinctive signal, or any other sign or signal which constitutes an imitation thereof or which might lead to confusion, commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a period *not exceeding one year*.

19. Misuse of the emblem as an indicative device in peacetime and in time of armed conflict.

(1) A person who wilfully and without entitlement makes use of the emblem of the red cross, the red crescent, the red crystal, or the red lion and sun, the words “red cross,” “red crescent”, “red crystal” or “red lion and sun”, a distinctive signal or any other sign, designation or signal which constitutes an imitation thereof or which might lead to confusion, irrespective of the aim of such use; anyone who, in particular, has displayed the said emblem or words on signs, posters, announcements, leaflets, commercial documents or on the Internet and digital media, or has affixed them to goods or packaging, or has sold, offered for sale or placed in circulation goods thus marked; commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 currency, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or both, for each offence, and any goods, wares or merchandise on which, or in connection with which, any of the emblems or any coloured imitation of them were used are liable to forfeiture to the Uganda Red Cross Society.

(2) If the offence is committed in the management of a corporate body, the punishment shall apply to the persons who committed the offence or ordered the offence to be committed.

20. Interim measures

The authorities of the Republic of Uganda shall take the necessary interim measures. The authorities may in particular order the seizure of objects and material marked in violation of the present law, demand the removal of the emblem of the red cross, the red crescent, the red crystal or the red lion and sun and of the words “red cross, “red crescent”, “red crystal” or “red lion and sun” at the cost of the instigator of the offence, and order the destruction of the instruments used for their reproduction.

21. Fraudulent representation

No person shall fraudulently represent himself or herself to be a member or representative of, or agent for, the Society for the purposes of soliciting, collecting or receiving money or material.

22. Unlawful use of name, emblem, badge, etc

No person shall wear, use or display for the purposes of his or her trade or business, use as a trademark or commercial mark or as a component of such marks, or for a purpose contrary to fair trade, or in circumstances likely to wound Uganda national sentiment or for the purpose of inducing the belief that he or she is a member or representative of, or agent for, the Society or for any other purposes whatsoever, without the Society's written authorization, any of the following—

- (a) the heraldic emblem of the Red Cross on a white ground, or the words “Red Cross;” ;
- (b) the emblem of the Red Crescent on a white ground, referred to in Article 38 of Schedule I to the *Geneva Conventions Act*, or the words “Red Crescent”;
- (c) the third Protocol emblem — commonly known as the “Red Crystal” — referred to in Article 2, paragraph 2 of Schedule VII to the *Geneva Conventions Act* and composed of a red frame in the shape of a square on edge on a white ground, or the words “Red Crystal”; or
- (d) any other word, mark, device or thing likely to be mistaken for anything mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).

23. Penalty

(1) Any person who contravenes sections 23) or 24 commits an offence and shall on conviction be is liable to a fine of not exceeding 2000 currency points or sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both.

(2) Any goods, wares or merchandise on which, or in connection with which, any of the emblems or words mentioned in paragraphs (2)(a) to (c) or any coloured imitation of them were used are liable to forfeiture to the Government and the proceeds of the fine so collected shall be paid to the Society.

24. Registration of associations, trade names and trademarks

The registration of associations and trade names, and the filing of trademarks, commercial marks and industrial models and designs making use of the emblem of the red cross, the red crescent, the red crystal or the red lion and sun or the designation “red cross,” “red crescent”, “red crystal” or “red lion and sun” in violation of the present law is prohibited.

25. Role of the Uganda Red Cross Society

(1) The Uganda Red Cross Society in collaboration with government authorities shall at all times ensure strict compliance with the rules governing the use of the emblems of the red cross, the red crescent, the red crystal and the red lion and sun, the names “red cross”, “red crescent”, “red crystal” and “red lion and sun”, and the distinctive signals.

(2) The Society shall inform and/or notify the relevant authorities of any misuse of the emblem and shall participate in the relevant criminal, civil or administrative proceedings against the offenders.

(3) The Society may appoint such officers of the Society as it may deem proper, and generally may do all such acts and things as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and promote the purposes of the Society.

26. Exception

(1) A person shall not be deemed to have contravened the provisions of this Act by wearing, using or displaying the emblems of the red cross and the red crescent, the words “red cross and “red crescent”, or any sign or designation likely to be mistaken for them; and provided that the said use shall not be such as would appear, in time of armed conflict, to confer the protection of the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols and is not of a nature to undermine the prestige and respect of the emblems, and provided that such rights were acquired prior to the entry into force of this Act.

(2) A Person wearing, using or displaying the red crystal or the words “red crystal,” or of any sign or designation constituting an imitation thereof, prior to the adoption of Additional Protocol III shall be permitted to continue such use, provided that the said use shall not be such as would appear, in time of armed conflict, to confer the protection of the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols and is not of a nature to undermine the prestige and respect of the red crystal emblem, and provided that such rights were acquired prior to the entry into force of this Act.

PART VI – MISCELLANEOUS

27. Regulations

The Central Governing Board of the Uganda Red Cross Society may, in consultation with the Minister responsible for Disaster Management and Preparedness, make regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Uganda; and may appoint such officers of the Society as it may deem proper, and generally may do all such acts and things as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and promote the objects and purposes of the Society.

28. Members and staff

Any person who was—

- (a) a member of the existing Society, or
- (b) a member of any of the existing organs of the Society;

immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to hold such positions as the case may be.

29. Transition and savings

(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, every reference to the former Society in any enactment, document, or agreement (whether in writing or not), in force immediately before the coming into force of this Act, is, on the coming into force of this Act, a reference to the Society.

(2) The assets and liabilities that the former Society had immediately before the coming into force of this Act, are, on the coming into force of this Act, the assets and liabilities of the Society;

(3) Every person who was a member, office holder, or employee of the former Society immediately before the coming into force of this Act, is, on the coming into force of this Act, a member, office holder, or employee of the Society, respectively; and

(4) Every body of persons that was a branch of the former Society immediately before the coming into force of this Act, is, on the coming into force of this Act, a branch of the Society.

(5) all the assets and liabilities of the Uganda Red Cross Society shall be transferred to and vested in the Society by virtue of this Section and 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;

(6) all deeds, bonds, instruments and contracts subsisting immediately before the day on which this Law comes into operation to which the Uganda Red Cross Society 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 Uganda Red Cross, the Society had been a party thereto;

30. Repeal and saving.

(1) The Red Cross Act Cap 57 is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any statutory instrument made under the Red Cross Act which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall remain in force until revoked under this Act.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

CURRENCY POINT

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand Uganda shillings

