

Singapore Red Cross Society (Incorporation) Bill

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An Act to incorporate the Singapore Red Cross Society.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Red Cross Society (Incorporation) Act, 1973 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“appointed day” means the day this Act comes into operation;

“Association” means the voluntary association known as the Singapore Red Cross Society immediately before the appointed day;

“Society” means the Singapore Red Cross Society incorporated under this Act.

Incorporation of the Society

3.—(1) The voluntary association known as the Singapore Red Cross Society immediately before the appointed day is hereby constituted as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall be known as the “Singapore Red Cross Society”.

(2) The Society may sue and be sued in its corporate name and do such acts or things

incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

(3) The Society shall consist of all persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Association and all such persons as may thereafter become members of the Society pursuant to the rules for the time being in force of the Society.

Geneva Conventions

4. The Society is hereby recognised by the Government as a voluntary aid society auxiliary to the public authorities exercising their obligations by virtue of the Geneva Conventions for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick in armed forces in the field, for the amelioration of the condition of wounded, sick and shipwrecked members of the armed forces at sea, relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, and to the protection of civilian persons in time of war.

Objects of the Society

5. The objects of the Society shall be —

- (a) the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world without any distinction on the grounds of race, nationality, religion or political opinions; and
- (b) the furnishing of voluntary aid to the sick and wounded in time of war and to non-belligerents, prisoners of war and civilian sufferers from the effects of war.

Patron and President of Society

6. The President of the Republic of Singapore shall be the Patron as well as the President of the Society.

Council

7.—(1) The affairs of the Society shall be administered by a Council to be constituted in accordance with the rules for the time being in force of the Society.

(2) The Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer of the Council shall be appointed by the President of the Society for a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The members of the first Council shall include all those persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Executive Committee of the Association. The Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer of the first Council shall be appointed by the President of the Society in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, and the other office-bearers shall be elected by the Council members in