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## **BYLAWS OF THE ITALIAN RED CROSS**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **1. CREATION AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

- 1.1. The Italian Red Cross, founded on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1864, and originally constituted as a moral body by Royal Decree of 7<sup>th</sup> February 1884, n. 1243, is a non-profit Association that is based on the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and subsequent additional Protocols, which were executed by the Republic of Italy;
- 1.2. The humanitarian principles of international law are always complied with by the Italian Red Cross and they guide its operation.
- 1.3. The Italian Red Cross respects and acts in compliance with The Fundamental Principles of the International Movement of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent (shortly: "Movement") adopted by the XX International Conference of the Red Cross, as set out below:
  - a. 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;
  - b. 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;
  - c. 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;
  - d. 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.;
  - e. Voluntary service: It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.;
  - f. f. 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;
  - g. g. 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..

#### **2. LEGAL STATUS**

- 2.1. The Italian Red Cross has been officially recognized by the Republic of Italy by legislative decree of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012, n. 178 as the voluntary Entity of rescue and assistance, helping public authorities in the humanitarian field, in compliance with the Geneva Conventions and subsequent additional Protocols, and as the only National Entity of the Red Cross authorized to carry on its activities on the Italian territory.
- 2.2. In respect of public authorities, the Italian Red Cross enjoys an autonomy such that it can fulfill its own mission and act in all circumstances in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the Movement (shortly: "Fundamental Principles").

- 2.3. Public authorities accept in all circumstances that the Italian Red Cross abide by the Fundamental Principles.
- 2.4. The Italian Red Cross is a private law legal entity pursuant to Part One, title II, paragraph II of the civil code and is recorded by operation of law in the section of the volunteering organizations of the national sole register of the Third sector, with application to it, to the extent it is not otherwise provided by d.lgs 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012, of the Code of the Third sector provided by d.lgs. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n.117. This is without prejudice to the provisions of d.lgs 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010, n. 66 and of DPR 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010, n. 90 that regulate the carrying out of the duties of the Corpi C.R.I. Ausiliari delle Forze Armate (shortly: "Auxiliary Corps").
- 2.5. The Italian Red Cross is an association of public interest, instituted without time limitation, with its legal seat in Rome.
- 2.6. The Italian Red Cross is placed under the high Patronage of the President of the Republic.
- 2.7. The Association of the Italian Red Cross further complies with the organizational and structural requirements referred to in art. 41 of d.lgs. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n.117 and is, therefore, also a national association Network.
- 2.8. Pursuant to art. 32, paragraph 3 of d.lgs. 117/2017, the Italian Red Cross takes on the name of "Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana – Organizzazione di Volontariato", shortly "Croce Rossa Italiana – ODV".

### **3. RELATION WITH OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE MOVEMENT**

- 3.1. The Italian Red Cross is part of the Movement. The International Committee of the Red Cross has acknowledged its foundation in 1864.
- 3.2. The Italian Red Cross is a founder of the League of Red Cross Societies instituted in 1919, and renamed firstly as League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and subsequently as International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (shortly: "International Federation") of which the Association is currently a member.
- 3.3. The Italian Red Cross satisfies the conditions set out in article 4 of the by-laws of the Movement and conforms its relationship with the other components of the Movement in conformity to article 3 of the same bylaws.
- 3.4. The Italian Red Cross is bound by the obligations provided by article 5 of the Constitution of the International Federation.

### **4. EMBLEM**

- 4.1. Among the emblems provided by the Geneva Conventions and subsequent additional Protocols, the Italian Red Cross adopts the red cross on a white background as its own emblem.
- 4.2. Such emblem, located within two red concentric circles, among which is placed the scripture "Convenzione di Ginevra 22 agosto 1864", and always accompanied by the writing in full "Croce Rossa Italiana", constitutes its identifying logotype.
- 4.3. The Italian Red Cross is the only association, within the national territory and without regard to the uses provided for the protection of sanitary services, which is authorized to use the emblem as foreseen and recognized by the Geneva Conventions, the subsequent additional Protocols, the by-laws and the resolutions and decisions of the governing bodies of the Movement.
- 4.4. The National Board of Directors of the Italian Red Cross approves a regulation concerning the use of the emblem drawn up in compliance with the Geneva Conventions, the additional Protocols, existing legislation and the Regulation on the use of the emblem of the Red Cross and of the Red Crescent by the National Entities, approved by the XX International Conference

- of the Red Cross (Vienna 1965) and modified by the Board of the Delegated Parties (Budapest, November 1991), the provisions of which are binding for the entire National Entity.
- 4.5. The Italian Red Cross commits to protect the emblem and the identifying logotype and to transmit its significance. In case of illicit use of the name and of the emblem of the Red Cross the sanctions provided by law, the internal provisions and by the regulations applicable to the entire Movement will apply.
- 5. CELEBRATIONS**
- 5.1. Every year the Italian Red Cross celebrates:
- a. 8<sup>th</sup> May, World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
  - b. 15<sup>th</sup> June, Anniversary of its foundation
- 5.2. Every year the Italian Red Cross, by its traditional torchlight procession from Solferino to Castiglione delle Stiviere, celebrates the memory of when the idea of the Red Cross was born.

## **TITLE II – GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND SPECIFIC DUTIES**

### **6. GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- 6.1. The main objective of the Italian Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate the suffering in an impartial manner, without distinction linked to nationality, race, sex, religious belief, language, social class or political opinion, contributing to maintain and promote human dignity and a culture of non-violence and peace.
- 6.2. To reach such goal the Italian Red Cross aims in particular at:
- a. Intervening in case of armed conflict and in times of peace, preparing to act in all fields foreseen by the Geneva Conventions and additional Protocols and in favor of all victims of war or of serious international crises, whether civil or military;
  - b. protecting health, preventing illnesses and alleviating suffering;
  - c. instructing the population to prevent damages caused by disasters of any nature, setting up the activities necessary for such purpose, in the manner and form provided by law and the national or local programs;
  - d. protecting and rescuing people affected by accidents or hit by catastrophes, calamities, social conflicts, illness, epidemics and other situations of general peril;
  - e. operating in the field of services to people or in the activities having the objective to ensure to people and the families an integrated system of intervention, to promote actions aimed at guaranteeing quality of life, equal opportunities, non-discrimination and citizenship rights, to prevent, eliminate or reduce the individual or family need conditions deriving from inadequacy of income, social difficulty, non-autonomy conditions;
  - f. Promoting and collaborating in actions concerning solidarity, development cooperation and aimed at social wellbeing in general and of assistance or social service, with particular attention to groups or individuals having difficulty in social integration;
  - g. promoting the Fundamental Principles of the Movement and those of the humanitarian international law with the aim to spread the humanitarian ideals among the population;
  - h. promoting the participation of children and young people to the activities of the Red Cross;
  - i. hiring, forming and assigning the necessary personal to the fulfillment of their responsibilities;
  - j. cooperating with the public authorities to guarantee the respect of humanitarian international law and to protect the emblems of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

- 6.3. The Italian Red Cross inspires its activities to the Fundamental Principles and to the Humanitarian Values of the Movement and bases it on the analysis of the necessities and the vulnerability of the community daily serviced by the Association.
- 6.4. The activity of the Italian Red Cross is periodically verified and adapted based on the needs of the territory, of the local vulnerability, national and international, as well as of the strategy variation undertaken by the bodies of the Movement.
- 6.5. The action of the Italian Red Cross is in any event transparent in dealing with third parties, respectful of national legislation, of the Geneva Conventions and subsequent additional Protocols as well as of the decisions of the statutory bodies of the Movement, in particular of the resolutions of the International Conference of the Movement and of the decisions of the General Meeting and of the Board of Directors of the International Federation.
- 6.6. A regulation governs the organization of the bands, fanfares as well as sport groups of the Italian Red Cross.

## **7. DUTIES OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

- 7.1. The Italian Red Cross, pursuant to article 1, paragraph 4 of legislative decree 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012, n. 178, is authorized to carry out the following activities of public interest;
  - a. organizing a network of volunteer work always active to ensure to the Italian State the application, insofar as it is of its competence, of the Geneva Conventions, subsequent additional Protocols and international resolutions, as well as the support to activities falling within the national service of civil protection;
  - b. organizing and carrying out, in time of peace and in compliance with what provided by the current conventions and international resolutions, services of social assistance and of sanitary rescue in favor of the populations, even foreign, upon the occurrence of calamities and of emergency situations of local, regional, national and international relevance;
  - c. carrying out humanitarian activities within the centers for the identification and the expulsion of foreign immigrants, as well as managing the said centers and those for the caring of immigrants and in particular those requiring asylum.
  - d. carrying out during war conflict the service of search and assistance of the war prisoners, of those imprisoned, the missing, the escaped, deported and refugees and, in the time of peace, the service of search of the missing people in support to the police;
  - e. carrying out activities in aid to the public authorities in Italy and abroad, having heard the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense in case of action in aid to the Armed Forces in accordance with the rules determined by the Movement.
  - f. acting as an operational structure of the national service of civil protection pursuant to article 11 of law 24<sup>th</sup> February 1992, n. 225;
  - g. promoting and disseminating, in compliance with the current legislation, the sanitary education, the culture of civil protection and assistance to the person;
  - h. implementing development cooperation action in foreign countries, in agreement and understanding with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the offices of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Integration;
  - i. cooperating with the components of the Movement in support activities to the benefit of foreign populations subject to serious vulnerability;
  - j. carrying out activity of advocacy and humanitarian diplomacy, as provided by the conventions and resolutions of the international bodies of the Red Cross;

- k. carrying out activities with and in favor of the younger generation even through educational activities at schools of any type and level;
  - l. promoting and disseminating the principles and institutions of humanitarian international law as well as humanitarian principles by which the Movement is inspired;
  - m. promoting the expansion of transfusion responsibility and the culture of donation of blood, organs and tissues among the population, taking care of the collection and organizing voluntary donators, in compliance with the applicable provisions of law and of the statutory provisions;
  - n. carrying out, pursuant to article 1, paragraph 2-bis, of law 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2001, n.120 and subsequent modifications within the regional programs and in conformity with the provisions enacted by regions, educational activities for non-sanitary personnel and for the civil personnel for the use of life saving apparatuses outside hospitals and issuing the relevant certification concerning the capacity to use them;
  - o. carrying out, within the regional programs and in compliance with the provisions enacted by the Regions, activities of professional education, of social, sanitary and social-sanitary education both in favor of other components and operational structures of the national Service of civil protection.
- 7.2. The Italian Red Cross, even for the carrying out of sanitary and social-sanitary activities, including the emergency service and the transport of the sufferers on behalf of the national sanitary Service, the special rescue and psycho-social service, may execute agreements with public administrations, participate to bids promoted by public administrations and execute the relevant contracts.
- 7.3. The Italian Red Cross for the carrying out of social activities and services for the person may execute agreements with public administrations, participate to bid promoted by public administrations and execute the relevant contracts.
- 7.4. The Italian Red Cross may also carry out activities of education, qualification and professional updating in favor of its own operators and of the public - in particular in favor of students, teachers and school operators, as well as other categories or professional orders of public or private entities - aimed at promoting and expanding culture and volunteering practice, education of active citizens and legality, school and social inclusion, sustainable development, intercultural dialogue, peace and international solidarity as well as the other activities of public interest referred to in art. 1, paragraph 4, of d.lgs n.178/2012. The Italian Red Cross is also a provider of education activities concerning continuous education in medicine.
- 7.5. As provided by legislative decree of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012, n. 178, for carrying out activities referred to this article, the public administrations indicated in article 1, paragraph 2, of legislative decree 30<sup>th</sup> March 2001, n. 165 execute conventions primarily with the Association.
- 7.5.-bis As provided by art.56 of legislative decree 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n.117, for the carrying out of activities and social services of general interest in favor of third parties, the public administrations indicated in article 1, paragraph 2, of legislative decree 30<sup>th</sup> March 2001, n. 165 may execute agreements with the Association or with the Committees as volunteers' organizations.
- 7.5-ter As provided by article 57 of legislative decree 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n.117, the public administrations indicated in article 1 paragraph 2 of legislative decree 30<sup>th</sup> March 2001, n. 165 may attribute in priority under a convention their services of emergency and urgency sanitary transport services to the Association or to the Committees as volunteers' organization;

- 7.6. The Italian Red Cross and the territorial bodies referred to in article 20 below may benefit from the disbursement of funds for volunteers' activities, including those deriving from donations of the 5 per 1000 under current legislation, as well as for civil territorial protection;
- 7.7. The Italian Red Cross is additionally authorized to submit projects and to bid for financing provided by the current provisions concerning international cooperation.

## **8. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR THE ARMED FORCES**

- 8.1. The Italian Red Cross, through the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps and the ItRC Voluntary Nurses Corp ItRC and in compliance with the current provisions of law, carries out activities in aid to the Armed Forces, in Italy and abroad, both at the time of peace and at the time of war;
- 8.2. The Italian Red Cross at time of war, serious international crisis or armed conflict:
- a. Contributes, in accordance with what provided in the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949, made executive by law dated 27th October 1951, n.1739, to the collection and cure of the wounded and sick of war as well as of the victims of armed conflicts and to the carrying out of duties of sanitary and assistance character connected to the activities of civil defense;
  - b. collaborates with the Armed Forces for the service of sanitary and social care, in accordance with what provided by the Geneva Conventions and subsequent additional Protocols;
  - c. takes care of the search and assistance service for war prisoners, the detained and the missing persons.
- 8.3. The activation and use of the Italian Red Cross at the time of war, serious international crisis or armed conflict, are decided upon pursuant to and for the purposes of the prevailing legislation and cannot impair the integrity of the Italian Red Cross nor conflict with the rules set by the Movement;
- 8.4. For the implementation of the ItRC auxiliary service for the Armed Forces, mobilization centers are set up under the control of the National President of the Italian Red Cross who in addition may delegate the relevant functions to national inspectors for the respective Corps and who determines the seat and territorial competences, in correspondence with the territorial organization of the Italian army;
- 8.5. The organization and functioning of the services of the Italian Red Cross in aid to the Armed Forces are financed by the State.

## **9. AGREEMENTS, OBLIGATIONS AND SUNDRY ACTIVITIES**

- 9.1. The Italian Red Cross may enter into agreements with other organizations, entities, associations or bodies as well as with public authorities for the implementation of specific projects conforming to the Fundamental Principles and to the goals of the Association.
- 9.2. Such agreements are properly executed solely in writing and cannot bind or force in any manner the Italian Red Cross to act against the Fundamental Principles nor impair its complete independence and autonomy.
- 9.3. The obligations undertaken and the agreements executed by the Committees of the Italian Red Cross at all levels referred to in article 20, subject to the respect of the preceding paragraphs, only bind the Committee and not the entire Association, consistently with their reciprocal and separate patrimonial autonomy.
- 9.4. The Italian Red Cross and the territorial bodies referred to in article 20 below may exercise, pursuant to article 6 of legislative decree 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n.117, activities other than those of



public interest indicated in article 7 of the Bylaws, secondary and instrumental thereto in accordance with the criteria and limits set out in the Ministerial Decree mentioned in the same article 6. Their selection will be subsequently made by the National Board of Directors after obtaining the advice of the National Counseling Body;

- 9.5. The Italian Red Cross may also carry out, as activity instrumental to the fulfillment of its institutional duties, using totally or partially informatic systems, activities of production and organization of staying and travelling by land, sea and air for its associates and employees and as well as intermediation activity, through the direct sale to its members and employees, of transport, stay, travel and cruise titles, always in compliance with what provided by the current legislation.

### **TITLE III PARTNERS**

#### **10. MEMBERSHIP TO THE ITALIAN RED CROSS**

- 10.1. Everyone, without any distinction, may join the Italian Red Cross.  
10.2. Adherence to the Fundamental Principles is a condition for enrollment in the Italian Red Cross.

#### **11. MEMBERS**

- 11.1. The members of the Italian Red Cross, through a system of representatives, determine the policy, strategy, objectives and governing bodies thereof. Through its members, the Italian Red Cross identifies the needs and provides assistance in an impartial manner.  
11.2. The members of the Italian Red Cross are divided into volunteers, supporters, meritorious and honorary members.  
11.3. Upon their enrollment in the Italian Red Cross, all members confirm formal adherence to the Fundamental Principles and execute the code of ethics.  
11.4. Voluntary Members are physical persons who perform voluntary activity for the Italian Red Cross on a regular and continuous basis and they elect the statutory organs thereof. They become part of the Association upon attending training course organized locally in compliance with the national legislation, which also establishes the amount of the annual membership fee. A regulation, approved by the National Board of Directors, governs the organization, activities, training and ordering of volunteers.  
11.5. Supporting Members are natural or legal persons who grant an economic contribution in support of the Association's activity. They join the Association with the payment of the contribution, set at national level. Also, those who attend the training course to become Volunteer Members, the Volunteer Nurse students of the ItRC and / or those who donate blood in favor of the Italian Red Cross will be included in the category of the Supporting Members.  
11.6. Meritorious Members are natural or legal persons who distinguish themselves by significant donations repeated over time or for large one-off donations that contribute significantly to the support of the Association. The National Board of Directors designates meritorious members.  
11.7. Honorary Members are natural or legal persons who have distinguished themselves for exceptional humanitarian and social merits or individuals who have rendered extraordinary services to the Italian Red Cross. The National Board of Directors designates honorary members.  
11.8. The shareholders' register is established in digital format at the location of the Committees of the Italian Red Cross and will include all categories referred to in this article. The Chairman of the ItRC Committee is responsible for it, takes care of its maintenance and continuous updating and transmits its contents, in compliance with the rules governing personal data



protection, to the CRI Regional Committee, where the consolidated list of members is drawn up. The President of the ItRC Regional Committee in turn, transmits the data to the National Committee responsible for keeping the national register of the Members of the Italian Red Cross which also includes the register referred to in art. 17, paragraph 1 of d.lgs. 3rd July 2017, n. 117.

- 11.9. The membership register of the Committees of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano must be considered inclusive of all the members of the related ItRC Committee and shall include the register of the volunteers referred to in art. 17, paragraph 1 of d.lgs. 3rd July 2017, n. 117.

## **12. AUXILIARY VOLUNTARY BODIES OF THE ARMED FORCES**

- 12.1. Included in the category of voluntary members referred to in the previous article are those belonging to the following volunteers' bodies of the Italian Red Cross, auxiliaries of the Armed Forces, provided they are in order with the payment of the membership fees:
- a. Voluntary military Corp of the C.R.I. ;
  - b. Corp of Volunteer Nurses of the C.R.I.
- 12.2. The Auxiliary Bodies report directly to the National Chairman of the Italian Red Cross. The rules provided for by legislative decree 15th March 2010 n. 66 and by D.P.R. 15th March 2010, n. 90, as in force and insofar as the matter is not regulated by law, the rules referred to in article 11.3 above, will apply.
- 12.3. The representatives of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps and Inspectors of the ItRC Volunteer Nurses are required to establish relationships with the President of the corresponding territorial compound with loyal collaboration and prior information of each activity. The Presidents of each territorial compound are required to respect the prerogatives of the Auxiliary Bodies, in accordance with the current provisions of law. Except as specifically provided by law, the representatives of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps and Inspectors of the ItRC Volunteer Nurses must follow the instructions of the competent ItRC Committee, by agreeing with the respective President on how to use the resources of the Corps, in all non-auxiliary activities of the Armed Forces. They transmit periodic reports to the President relating to the activities carried out and to the staff on duty.
- 12.4. At all territorial levels the representatives of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps and Inspectors of the ItRC Volunteer Nurses, where established, intervene in the work of the Executive Councils according to the methods referred to in articles 273 and 993 of Presidential Decree 15th March 2010, n. 90.
- 12.5. The national Inspector of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps is chosen among colonels in service from the same body and is appointed with the contextual awarding of the rank of major general, by decree of the President of the Republic, on the proposal of the Minister of Defense, upon the designation of the National Chairman of the Italian Red Cross.
- 12.6. The national Inspector of the Corp of CRI Volunteer Nurses is named by Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers, upon the proposal of the Minister of Defense and the Minister of Health, among a tern of names, indicated by the National Chairman of the Italian Red Cross. The Inspector is chosen from among the Volunteer Nurses who meet the specific technical preparation requirements and aptitudes to command. The office lasts four years and can be confirmed for no more than once without interruption. The National President identifies the triad of the names of the candidates with a motivated act, taking into account both the indications of the national vice inspectors and the secretary general of the

inspectorate, and any other useful element for the identification and evaluation of the candidates.

- 12.7. In accordance with article 97 of the legislative decree 15th March 2010, n. 66, the Auxiliary Bodies celebrate the date of June 25 as the anniversary of the granting of the national flag.

### **13. YOUTH OF THE ITALIAN RED CROSS**

13.1. The Italian Red Cross recognizes the role of young people, that is, of voluntary members between the ages of fourteen and thirty-one, as players of change, innovators, intercultural ambassadors, peer facilitators, community mobilizers and supporters of the vulnerable ones.

13.2. The Italian Red Cross realizes that young people are the present of the Association, before being the future, and are active in building and supporting communities based on respect and solidarity. To this end, the Italian Red Cross:

- a. recognizes the need to attract and involve, through comparison among equals, more and more large numbers of young people;
- b. is committed to promote youth development through training, both within and outside the Association, to equip young volunteers with adequate tools and put them in a position to play an active role in planning, conducting and participating, both in activities as volunteers as in the governance of the Association. The National Committee allocates a special fund for such purpose;
- c. guarantees the self-determination of young people in choosing the strategy of the Italian Red Cross in the youth sector as well as in the democratic and participated choice, of its representatives in the Board of Directors. To this end, the National Board of Directors, on the proposal of the Youth of the Italian Red Cross, approves a document that identifies the strategy, ideas, actions and peculiarities of youth training, as well as a regulation governing the organs representing young people at all levels and their respective Councils, such as places of exchange, aggregation and definition of initiatives with and for young people.

13.3. The indications of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent constituting the "Politics of the Youth" shall apply immediately to the Youth of the Italian Red Cross without the need for specific acknowledgement.

13.4. The Youth of the Italian Red Cross carry out activities, including discussions, together with the Young people of the other National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and are active part of the supranational networks of the Youth of the International Movement.

13.5. The Youth of the Italian Red Cross, respecting the principle of neutrality, take part in the National Youth Council, of which they are members, as well as in the coordination bodies and youth representation platforms at national and territorial levels.

13.6. The action of young people is fully integrated within the ItRC. At any level activities to promote and develop youth and active citizenship are approved by the Board of Directors of the ItRC and are included in the relative programming.

### **14. RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS**

14.1. Each Member of the Italian Red Cross in the exercise of his/her functions has the right:

- a. to be identified as a Member of the Italian Red Cross. To this end, he/she receives a special card, the shape of which is established by the National Board of Directors;
- b. to be governed by clear, understandable and easily available rules;

- c. to express his/her thoughts in all circumstances through written or verbal communications submitted in a hierarchical order.
- 14.2. Voluntary members also have the right:
- a. to take advantage of suitable premises, as well as of means and equipment made available by the Association;
  - b. if in service, to have available suitable uniforms the shape of which, together with that of badges, is decided by order of the National Board of Directors, without prejudice to the provisions of law for Auxiliary Bodies;
  - c. to obtain the advance or reimbursement of expenses, in relation to missions previously approved by the membership Committee, as well as obtain reimbursement of food expenses incurred during service hours and documented, in compliance with law and current regulations;
  - d. to move, with the formalities provided for by the regulation referred to in the previous article 11.4, to another Committee and with the automatic recognition of seniority, titles and qualifications. This is without prejudice to the rules dictated by the law for Auxiliary Bodies;
  - e. to an insurance covering civil liability towards third parties and the risks of illnesses and accidents occurred during the service for the Association, as well as – if the Assembly of the ItRC Committee decides it – to an insurance that covers civil liability, patrimonial damages and legal protection, relating to activities carried out as President or member of the Board of Directors;
  - f. a periodic health check, related to the activities carried out, by and with charges borne by the pertaining Committee, in accordance with the provisions of a specific regulation approved by the National Board of Directors, in compliance with the current legislation;
  - g. to be trained and prepared in relation to the activities to be carried out and to take part in training events organized at all levels, to ensure professionalism of any type of service rendered inside and outside. Every CRI voluntary has the right to take part in training courses and organized specialization, with due consideration for his/her commitment to the initiatives and availability to follow, at the end of the event, the active initiatives and projects in his/her ItRC Committee, having regard to his/her personal inclinations. The ItRC Committees have the obligation to put in place what is necessary to ensure the exercise of this right;
  - h. to be informed periodically of the progress of activities and initiatives initiated;
  - i. to participate, with a personal, free, equal and secret vote in the election of the members of the Association's statutory bodies.
- 14.3. Volunteer members:
- a. they are holders of an active electorate if registered for at least three months and in good order with the payment of the annual membership fee;
  - b. are holders of passive electorate if registered for at least three months, adult of age and in good order with the payment of the annual membership fee.
- 14.4. The members of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps acquire the rights of active and passive electorate in accordance with the previous paragraph and exclusively if they perform service on a regular, continuous and free basis; this last requirement is certified by the competent

Mobilization Center. In no case are the employees belonging to the Military Corps entitled to the passive electorate.

- 14.5. The ItRC Volunteer Nurses acquire the rights of active and passive electorate at the time of obtaining the registration number, provided they are in order with the payments of the annual membership fee.
- 14.6. The receipt of compensation, at any title from the Italian Red Cross entails, for the entire duration of the onerous relationship, the suspension of electoral rights.
- 14.7. The possible election to a position of a Member who does not meet the required requirements is void.

## **15. TRAINING**

- 15.1. The action of the ItRC Members it presupposes training aimed at ensuring professionalism for any type of service rendered inside and outside. The training is instrumental to the qualitative growth of the service rendered, to the maturing of the Volunteer and the development of the Association.
- 15.2. The Italian Red Cross organizes training and specialization courses on activities, characterized by quality, professionalism and functionality to the initiatives and to the projects organized at various levels. To this end, CRI may set up regional or interregional training Centers or centers of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, linking them to the network with the National School. The relative regulation is approved by the National Board of Directors of the ItRC

## **16. DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

- 16.1. Each member of the Italian Red Cross must maintain correct behavior and worthy of the Association to which it belongs. In particular, it is required to:
  - a. observe the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, respect their emblems and prevent their abuse;
  - b. observe loyally and diligently the By-laws, the code of ethics, the regulations, the other current provisions;
  - c. to base his behavior on seriousness and commitment, in compliance with the provisions issued by the central and territorial governing Bodies of the Association;
  - d. not involve the Italian Red Cross in propaganda activities promoted or organized by political movements or associations of clear political inspiration;
  - e. follow on every occasion, both within the Italian Red Cross and in the external contacts, the hierarchical order as determined by the By-laws and the Regulations;
  - f. hold a responsible behavior at every level and in the use of each external communication tool, taking care to specify that his/her own opinions do not involve the entire Association, protect the confidentiality of all recipients of the activities, avoid associating the uniform and emblem with political, religious or philosophical discussions;
  - g. pay the membership fee annually within the established terms.
- 16.2. Volunteer members are also required to:
  - a. use courtesy, understanding, firmness and honesty in dealing with third parties as well as operate with impartiality and respect towards all parties recipients of the activity;
  - b. observe strict confidentiality on what is heard, seen or done during the service activity;

- c. respect and properly use symbols, uniforms and equipment and any other type of material belonging to the Italian Red Cross;
  - d. not enroll nor join associations that pursue purposes in contrast with the principles of the International Movement and/or that carry out activities directly competitive with those of the Italian Red Cross. Conflict situations are governed by the Code of Ethics;
  - e. actively participate in the Assemblies and meetings of the statutory bodies.
- 16.3. If the volunteer Member is designated to hold representative and coordination roles of the Association, he/she is also required to:
- a. guarantee the transparency of the decisions, transmit information and notes regarding the new activities, make easy access to current provisions and ensure maximum publicity of the related innovations;
  - b. take an active part in the body for the expected duration;
  - c. deepen the nature and function of the body itself;
  - d. adequately prepare for the discussion of topics on the agenda of the meetings, also by collecting evaluations and advice from other Members;
  - e. refrain from deciding on matters in which he/her is involved;
  - f. ensure that a faithful record of the meetings is kept;
  - g. ensure, at the end of the mandate, the exhaustive transmission of information and documentation to favor continuity and effective action by those who will take over.
- 16.4. The violation of duties is punishable, according to the provisions of the following articles.

## **17. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

- 17.1. Each member can resign in writing and at any time.
- 17.2. Volunteer members lose the membership status:
- a. in case of non-payment of the annual membership fee within the mandatory terms established by the National Board of Directors;
  - b. in case of inactivity, as governed by the national regulation referred to in the previous article 11.4.
- 17.3. The membership of the supporting Members expires after twelve months, unless renewed.
- 17.4. Membership status is also lost in the event of radiation.

## **18. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

- 18.1. The disciplinary provisions of the warning, written admonition, temporary suspension for a maximum period of six months and the expulsion may be applied to the Shareholders, in relation to the seriousness of the infringements and/or breaches carried out in service. This is without prejudice to the laws on disciplinary matters applicable to Auxiliary Bodies.
- 18.2. Disciplinary measures are imposed upon contesting the behavior of the interested party, who must be able to know:
- a. the object of the proceeding and the contested facts;
  - b. the office and the person responsible for the proceedings;
  - c. the date by which the procedure must end;
  - d. the office where he can view the documents;
  - e. the deadline for submitting his/her response and being personally heard.
- 18.3. A national disciplinary body is set up, elected by the National Assembly and composed of five members with proven association ethic, in possession of suitable legal competences, and who do not hold statutory positions or any other assignment of the Association. The National Disciplinary Board is competent for the disciplinary provisions on the Presidents and members

of the Governing Councils at all levels, as well as on the appeals lodged on the measures adopted by the regional disciplinary bodies.

- 18.4. A regulation, approved by the National Board of Directors, regulates the cases involving the enforcement of disciplinary measures, the methods and the body responsible for adoption, appeals, as well as the composition, election, duration and functioning of the National Disciplinary Board, whose members cannot stand for the first successive elections of the Association's statutory bodies.

## **19. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- 19.1. The Italian Red Cross grants acknowledgments to those who distinguish themselves in the activities of volunteering or supporting, collaborating, defending, disseminating and fulfilling the principles and goals of the Red Cross.
- 19.2. The awards are distinguished in honors for merit and crosses of seniority of service.
- 19.3. A regulation, adopted by the National Board of Directors, regulates the procedures for the acknowledgment of awards.

## **TITLE IV – SYSTEM ORGANIZATION**

### **20. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- 20.1. The Italian Red Cross system is inspired by the principles of subsidiarity, of democracy and electivity of the associative positions, of separation between the functions of direction and control and the autonomous operational functions of the territorial bodies, as well as the criteria of effectiveness, efficiency and economy.
- 20.2. The organizational structure must facilitate the Members in pursuing the goals of statutory provisions of the Association.
- 20.3. The Italian Red Cross is divided into the following territorial bodies:
- a. a local organization, which acts in the territory, divided into Committees with independent legal personality;
  - b. a regional organization divided into Regional Committees and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, which coordinates and controls, through specific attributions, the activity of the Committees of the region operating in the region, subject to the respect of the autonomy of each Committee;
  - c. a national organization, which establishes the strategy of the Association and approves general regulations, called the National Committee.

### **21. COMMITTEES**

- 21.1. The Committees of the Italian Red Cross are the essential nucleus of the Association and allow the Association itself to extend its statutory activities to the entire national territory. They, as association basis and in compliance with the Principle of Unity, pursue the aims of the Italian Red Cross in accordance with the provisions of law and of these By-laws and in compliance with the directives and under the coordination and supervision of the Regional Committees.
- 21.2. Members of the Italian Red Cross relate to the Committees.
- 21.3. The Committees are set up in a homogeneous territorial context, normally equal to that of a Municipality, of one or more municipalities of a Metropolitan Area or of several Municipalities of modest dimensions and linked together for associative, geographical or historical ties. In establishing the Committees, the needs and resources of the territory as well as the

- political organization of the State are considered. The Committees are denominated with the indication of the territory in which they are constituted.
- 21.4. The Committees are autonomous subjects and are endowed with patrimonial autonomy since they derive the economic resources for their functioning and carry out their activities from the revenue provided for by art. 33 of Legislative Decree 3rd July 2017, n. 117 and any other revenue provided by law
  - 21.5. The Committees are registered in the voluntary organizations section of the sole national register of the Third sector, with the application to them, unless otherwise provided by Legislative Decree 28th September 2012, n. 178, of the Third Sector Code referred to in Legislative Decree 3 July 2017, n. 117.
  - 21.6. The corporate name must contain the indication of "volunteers' organization" or the acronym "ODV".
  - 21.7. The Committees operate with their own bodies, organizational, administrative, financial and operational autonomy.
  - 21.8. The Committees can arrange for the procurement of goods and services and approve the local staff needs.
  - 21.9. The Committees report their work to the Members and the Regional Committee through an annual financial statement drawn up in financial terms by 30th June of each year with all income and expenses reported, with separate indication of the change in assets.
  - 21.10. The establishment of the Committees is ordered by the National Board of Directors, upon proposal of the competent Regional Committee, after hearing the territorially competent Committee, after verifying the existence of the requirements concerning the minimum number of members, the presence of adequate economic resources sufficient to guarantee the performance of the activities. A Regulation, approved by the National Board of Directors, disciplines the phases of the relative procedure. With the same procedure, once the loss of the required requirements is verified, the dissolution of the Committee, the transfer of the Shareholders, the amalgamation of its territory to one or more neighboring Committees, as well as the devolution of its assets is ordered.
  - 21.11. The Regional Board of Directors proposes to put the Committee under special administration in case of serious irregularity in the management or the impossibility of functioning of the Committee, as well as if it ascertains that the additional situations referred to in art. 38 have occurred. It may also propose, after specific investigation, to put the Committee under special administration in case the Committee's annual report shows a negative result. If the conditions have occurred are met, the Regional Committee can, by motivated resolution, propose the dissolution of a Committee.
  - 21.12. The Committees can establish offices of the Italian Red Cross in the Municipalities of the territory of competence. The offices of the Italian Red Cross are the offices of the Committee that set them up.
  - 21.13. In accordance with the decree of the Minister of Health of 16th April 2014, the provisions of the law of 29th October 1984, n.720, do not apply to the Committees, with legal personality of private law.
  - 21.14. The Committees are governed by these By-laws and by standard by-laws approved by the National Board of Directors of the Italian Red Cross. In the standard by-laws, however, the following items must be provided:
    - a. democratic structure and bodies as provided by the following articles 22, 23 and 24;
    - b. no profit goals for the services provided by members;



- c. Members discipline: admission criteria, requiring the members of the Committees to be registered with the Italian Red Cross, exclusion criteria, as well as obligations and rights of the members;
  - d. obligation of the Committees to support the association in carrying out the tasks of public interest, provided for by law and by these By-laws;
  - e. hypothesis of possible appointment of a special administrator by the National President of the Committees in the event of serious irregularities in accounting, contractual reporting, personnel management or health management; failure to reimburse, in accordance with the applicable terms, the National Committee for staff costs of which the Committees make use of, of the amounts advanced to the aforementioned Committees for any reason, failure to comply with the national directives in strategic matters or with reference to the functions of public interest, actions or acts or conduct in contrast with the principles of the Movement International Red Cross and Red Crescent;
  - f. hypothesis of possible dissolution of the Committees in case of impossibility of recovery, reorganization in the territory or remodulation of the activities, of non-compliance with current contractual and employment provisions;
  - g. obligation to draw up and approve the budget, forecast budget and annual balance sheet to be sent to the National Committee through the Regional Committees and the Committees of the territorially competent autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano;
  - h. possibility of signing agreements between the Committees and the National Committee and/or the Regional Committees, aimed at carrying out institutional activities of the Italian Red Cross or specific projects and defining the relevant amount;
  - i. obligation to stipulate standard agreements between the Committees and the National Committee and/or the Regional Committees aimed at defining the activities to be carried out in favor of the Auxiliary Bodies for the performance of activities of public interest, including mission activities in the territory and those concerning training;
  - j. possibility to enter into agreements by the Committees to perform their duties, with public administrations, regions, provinces, local bodies and territorially competent bodies of the national health service, as well as participation in public tenders and signing the relative contracts;
  - k. possibility for the National Committee and for the Regional Committees and of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano to perform the function of purchasing center for all the Committees, upon their express request and subject to the advance of the relative financial resources;
  - l. obligation of the Committees to appoint a Supervisory Body when the conditions are met and according to the methods set out in art. 30 of Legislative Decree 3rd July 2017, n. 117.
- 21.15. Any subsequent proposals for modification or revision of the Standard by-laws of the Committees are approved by resolution of the National Board of Directors.

## **22. THE SHAREHOLDERS ' MEETING**

- 22.1. The Shareholders' Meeting is made up of all the voluntary Members registered in the Committee and holders of the right of active electorate.
- 22.2. The Shareholders' Meeting:

- a. elects the President and the members of the Board of Directors, and can dishearten them;
  - b. approves the general development lines of the Committee's activity, consisting of the service charter, the plan of activities and the consequent training initiatives, the forecast budget drawn up for the achievement of such objectives, as well as the annual activity report and annual balance sheet;
  - c. appoints the auditor or the external certification body of the Committee's budget. The report of the auditor or external company or external auditing firm is sent to the Shareholders' Meeting and to the Board of Directors, as well as to the Regional Board of Directors.
- 22.3. The Shareholders' Meeting meets at least twice a year on an ordinary basis and, on an extraordinary basis, every time the Board of Directors or a third of the voluntary Members requests it. The President endeavors to ensure that the convenings are equally divided in the calendar year. The convening is made by the President through a notice, containing the agenda, posted on the Committee's register at least fifteen days before the date set for the meeting. The extraordinary session must be held no later than thirty days from the convening of meeting. The notice of meeting is also sent to the President of the superordinate ItRC Committee.
- 22.4. The Shareholders' Meeting is chaired by the Chairman and is validly constituted in the first call with the presence of at least half plus one person and, on second call, whatever is the number of those present.
- 22.5. The Shareholders' Meeting adopts its decisions by majority vote of those present, except in cases where the By-laws provide for a different majority
- 22.6. The minutes of the Shareholders' Meeting are drawn up, signed by the chairman and a secretary appointed for this purpose, and sent to the Chairman of the ItRC superordinate Committee within the following fifteen days.

## **23. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 23.1. The Board of Directors is composed of the President, who chairs it, a Vice President and three Directors.
- 23.2. The Board of Directors is elected by the voluntary Members of the Committee in possession of the right of active electorate. The election procedures are established in a election regulation approved by the National Assembly. In any case, both genders and a representative of the Youth of the Italian Red Cross must be included within the Board.
- 23.3. 23.3. The Board of Directors:
- a. deliberates on programs and activity plans and indicates the Committee's strategic priorities and objectives, in accordance with what resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting;
  - b. prepares the service charter, the plan of activities and consequent training initiatives, the forecast budget to achieve these objectives, and the annual activity report and annual budget;
  - c. approves the balance sheet changes made to achieve the objectives approved by the Shareholders' Meeting;
  - d. coordinates, also through delegates and project representatives, the activities of the Committee and verifies their compliance with local needs and with national and regional programming;

- e. it can co-opt up to two additional members from the civil society and chosen for specific merits and professional skills. Co-option takes place with unanimous vote of the members of the Board. Co-opted personalities do not have the right to vote, lapse with the Board that co-opted them and take on the status of supporting Member. Those holding political positions cannot be co-opted.
- 23.4. At the first meeting, the Board of Directors appoints among its members the Vice President upon the proposal of the President. The Vice President performs his/her functions in case of absence or obstacle of the President.
- 23.5. The Board of Directors remains in office for four years. The members cannot be re-elected more than once consecutively in the same role, except for those Committees operating on a municipal territory with a population equal to or of less than 10,000 inhabitants.

## **24. PRESIDENT**

- 24.1. The President:
- a. represents the Italian Red Cross within the territorial ambit of the Committee;
  - b. represents all the members of the Committee;
  - c. exclusively, unless he/she delegates such function, manages the relationship with local authorities and with other external bodies and associations;
  - d. acts as legal representative and signs the fundamental acts of the Committee.
- 24.2. The President remains in office for four years and can only be re-elected once consecutively. In any case, whoever holds the top mandate of the Committee for more than eight consecutive years, whether elected or appointed, is immediately ineligible for the role.
- 24.3. The President may be disheartened by the Shareholders' Meeting upon request to place the matter on the agenda submitted by at least one third of the members. The motion of no confidence, which can be proposed only once during the term of office, is approved by a majority of two thirds of the voluntary Members holding the right to active electorate present at the meeting, and causes the forfeiture of the President and the Board of Directors, as well as the immediate appointment of a special administrator, who performs the functions attributed to the President and the Board of Directors.

## **25. LOCATIONS WITH LINGUISTIC MINORITIES**

- 25.1. In Municipalities where there are linguistic minorities protected by the Constitution, by international treaties and by the laws of the Country, the Committees have the right to use the current regulations and material, including promotional documentation, in a bilingual manner.
- 25.2. When preparing the nominations for local offices any useful initiative is executed to ensure the representativeness of the different linguistic strains.
- 25.3. The National Committee and the Regional Committees provide the necessary support.

## **26. REGIONAL AND AUTONOMOUS PROVINCES OF TRENTO AND BOLZANO COMMITTEE**

- 26.1. The Regional Committees, the Committee of the Autonomous Province of Trento and the Committee of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano:
- a. perform associative duties assigned by law and by these By-laws;
  - b. perform control and coordination actions on the activities of the Italian Red Cross within their respective territories;
  - c. indicate the strategies of direction on the Committees regarding the activities to be carried out in the territory;

- d. may organize activities and stipulate conventions or agreements that involve the entire territory of the region or of the autonomous province;
  - e. establish regional training centers for the purposes referred to in Article 15 these By-laws;
  - f. approve the needs of employees relating to the regional compound only, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreements and manage them;
  - g. may arrange for the centralization of the procurement procedures for goods and services on a regional basis ;
  - h. institutionally interface with regional authorities, bodies and associations of regional importance.
- 26.2. In accordance with legislative decree 28th September 2012, n. 178, the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees are registered by law in the voluntary organizations section, with the application to them, unless otherwise provided by Legislative Decree 28th September 2012, n. 178, of the Third Sector Code, pursuant to d.lgs. 3rd July 2017, n. 117.
- 26.2-bis. The corporate name of the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees must contain the indication "voluntary organization" or the acronym "ODV".
- 26.3. The Regional Committees and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees are autonomous subjects and are endowed with patrimonial autonomy as they find the economic resources for their operation and for the performance of their activities from the revenue provided for by art. 33, Legislative Decree 3 July 2017, n. 117, as well as any other entry required by law.
- 26.4. The Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees operate within their bodies with organizational, administrative, financial and operational autonomy, consistently with the provisions of law and these By-laws. Due to the peculiarities of the territorial, organizational, regulatory and autonomy elements, the Committees of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano apply the same criteria as the territorial committees for the purpose of complying with the requirements of Legislative Decree 117/2017.
- 26.5. The Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees report on their work to the Association by the preparing an annual balance sheet drawn up in financial terms by 30th June of each year, where all income and expenses are reported with separate indication of the changes in assets.
- 26.6. The revenues of the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees are made up of:
- a. contributions and grants of any kind, coming from the Regions and from any other public and private body;
  - b. donations, bequests, public fundraising;
  - c. the fees deriving from the activity of the Regional Committee itself;
  - d. the contributions of the Committees and the National Committee, granted on the basis of specific regulations and only for services actually provided.
- 26.7. The bodies of the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees are:
- a. the Regional Assembly;
  - b. the Regional Board of Directors;

- c. the Regional President;
  - d. the possible Control Body when the conditions are met and as set out in art. 30 of d.lgs. 3rd July 2017, n. 117.
- 26.8. For the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees without legal personality, in the absence of legal and patrimonial autonomy, the provisions relating to the obligation to prepare the budget estimate and balance sheet and the appointment of the auditor as well as Articles 26.1, lett. f) and g), 26.2, 26.2-bis, 26.3, 26.4, 26.5, 26.6 and 26.7, lett. d), do not apply.
- 26.9. If the conditions set out in art. 26.8 are met, the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano Committees operate with the bodies referred to in art. 26.7, lett. a), b) and c), with decision-making autonomy, within the framework of the directives issued by the National Committee.
- 27. THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**
- 27.1. The Regional Assembly is constituted by the Regional President, who chairs it, by the members of the Regional Board of Directors and by the Presidents of the Committees established in the region. The representative of the Military Corp ItRC of ItRC and the Regional Inspector II.VV. operating in the region are also part of it, as observers. In case of absence or impediment, the Presidents of the Committees can delegate the Vice President or, in the alternative, a member of the Board of Directors to act on their place.
- 27.2. The Regional Assembly
- a. approves the general lines of development of the region's activity, consisting of the plan of activities and the consequent training initiatives, the forecast budget prepared for the achievement of these goals, as well as the annual activity report and the annual balance sheet;
  - b. appoints the auditor or the external certification body of the Committee's balance sheet. The report of the auditor or of the external company or of the external audit firm is sent to the Assembly and to the regional Board of Directors, as well as to the National Board of Directors;
  - c. deliberates on the competences referred to in points d) and g) of the previous article 26.1.
- 27.3. The Regional Assembly meets at least twice a year on an ordinary basis and, on an extraordinary basis, whenever the Board of Directors, or a third of the members request it. The convening is made by the President through a notice, containing the agenda, posted on the register and published on the institutional website at least fifteen days before the date set for the meeting. The extraordinary session must be held no later than thirty days from the convening of the meeting. The convening notice is also sent to the President of the National Board of Directors.
- 27.4. The Regional Assembly is chaired by the Regional President and is validly constituted on first call with the presence of at least half plus one of the members and, on second call, whatever is the number of those present.
- 27.5. The Regional Assembly adopts its decisions by majority of those present, unless the By-laws provides for a different majority.
- 27.6. The minutes of the Assembly are drawn up, signed by the chairman and a secretary appointed for such purpose, and sent to the National President within the following fifteen days.
- 28. REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 28.1. The Regional Board of Directors is composed of the Regional President, who chairs it, two Vice Presidents and two Directors.
- 28.2. The Regional Board of Directors is elected by the Presidents of the Committees established in the region. If at least five Committees are not established in the territory, the President and the members of the Council are elected by all the voluntary Members of the region, holders of the right to active electorate. The election procedures are established within an electoral regulation approved by the National Assembly. In any case, both genders and at least one representative of the Youth of the Italian Red Cross, must be included within the Board to perform the functions of Vice President.
- 28.3. The Regional Executive Council:
- a. deliberates on regional programs and activity plans and indicates regional priorities and strategic objectives in accordance with what resolved upon by the Regional Assembly;
  - b. prepares the plan of activities and consequent training initiatives, the forecast budget to achieve these objectives, as well as the annual activity report and the annual balance sheet;
  - c. approves the balance sheet changes made to achieve the objectives approved by the Regional Assembly;
  - d. appoints and dismisses the Secretary of the Regional Committee, to whom he entrusts operational management tasks. The Regional Secretary is responsible for achieving the objectives that the Board of Directors entrusts to him. A regulation establishes how the Secretary is hired. In any case, the Regional Secretary lapses at the time of termination of the Board of Directors that appointed him.
  - e. coordinates, also through delegates and project representatives, regional activities and verifies their compliance with regional needs and national and local planning;
  - f. appoints, if the committees concerned do not so act, the auditors or external certification bodies of the balance sheet of the Committees of the region;
  - g. proposes to the National Board of Directors, where necessary and in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws the appointment of a special administrator of a Committee of the Region;
  - h. it can co-opt up to two additional members from civil society chosen for particular merits and professional skills. The co-option takes place by unanimous vote of the members of the Board. Co-opted personalities do not have the right to vote, they lapse with the Board that co-opted them and assume the status of Supporting Member. Those holding a political position cannot be co-opted.
- 28.4. The Regional Executive Council remains in office for four years. Members cannot be re-elected more than once in the same role without interruption.

## **29. REGIONAL PRESIDENT**

- 29.1. The Regional President:
- a. represents the Italian Red Cross in the regional context;
  - b. represents all the Members of the region;
  - c. exclusively manages, unless he/she delegates the relevant authority, relations with regional authorities and with other bodies and associations of regional importance;
  - d. exercises functions of legal representative and signs the fundamental acts of the Regional Committee;

- e. appoints, on a binding proposal from the Presidents of the Committees set up in each province or Metropolitan City, a contact person of the Italian Red Cross for relations with the Provincial Administration or of the Metropolitan City, the Prefecture and the other organs and administrations on a provincial scale. The specific competences attributed to the Auxiliary Bodies by the current civil defense legislation are preserved.
- 29.2. The Regional President can identify his deputy between the two Vice Presidents, to perform his/her functions in the event of his/her absence or impediment. Formal notification must be given of the appointment to the National President and to the presidents of the Committees of the region.
  - 29.3. The Regional President remains in office for four years and may be re-elected only one time without interruption. In any case, also those who have held top mandates in the Regional Committee, whether elected or appointed, for over eight consecutive years, are immediately ineligible for such role.
  - 29.4. The Regional President may be disheartened by the Regional Assembly, upon request to be placed on the agenda by at least one third of the members. The motion of no confidence, which can only be proposed once during the term of office, is approved by a majority of two thirds of the members of the Assembly present at the meeting, and causes the forfeiture of the President and the Regional Board of Directors, as well as the immediate appointment of a special administrator, who performs the functions of the President and the Regional Board of Directors.
- 30. ORGANISATION OF THE COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED IN THE CAPITAL OF ITALY**
- 30.1. Pursuant to and for the purposes of these By-laws, in order to adapt the structure to the peculiarities of the Italian Capital Area and to allow a more incisive and widespread action of the Italian Red Cross in such territory, the Committee Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital (shortly, also simply called "Rome Committee"), has been set up with the tasks provided for by the standard statutes of the Committees and of coordination of all the Committees set up in the entire Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital.
  - 30.2. The Capitoline Shareholders' Meeting is made up of all the members of the Committee as well as the members of the Committees set up in the Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital.
  - 30.3. The Committee of the Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital, for the peculiarities of the territorial and organizational elements that characterize the Capital of Italy, also headquarters of the National Association, is a direct interlocutor of the National Committee in emergency, of the events or in all areas deemed necessary and justified by strategic and territorial reasons by the National Board of Directors.
  - 30.4. In order to adapt its structure to the peculiar nature of Italy's capital city, and to allow a more impacting and widely spread action of the Italian Red Cross in such territory – pursuant to and in force of the effects provided for in these By-laws – the Committee for the Metropolitan Area of Rome is established (hereto for brevity as "Comitato di Roma") with tasks in line with the standard by-laws of the Committees and of coordination of all the Committees established in the entire Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital City.
  - 30.5. The Capital City Shareholders Assembly consists of all the Committees Board Members and the members of the Committees established in the Metropolitan Area of Rome Capital City.
  - 30.6. The Committee of Rome Capital City Metropolitan Area, given the peculiar territorial and organizational aspects characterizing the capital of Italy – which is also the registered office to the National Association – is the direct interlocutor to the National Committee, in



emergency, for the events and all the areas considered as necessary and justified – by strategical and territorial reasons – by the National Board of Directors.

### **31. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

- 31.1. The National Committee formulates the mission and policy of the Italian Red Cross, develops the structure and the culture necessary to pursue the intended purposes, defines the criteria regulating the relationships with vulnerable collectives, beneficiaries, members and employees.
- 31.2. The National Committee approves the needs of employees within the national level and in the unities directly administrated, according to what foreseen by the enforcing laws of collective bargaining.
- 31.3. The National Committee has its registered office in Rome.
- 31.4. The Bodies of the National Committee are:
  - a. The National Assembly;
  - b. The National Board of Directors;
  - c. The National President;
  - d. The Secretary General.;
  - e. The National Council;
  - f. The Board of Auditors;
  - g. The Supervisory Body.

### **32. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

- 32.1. The National Body is the highest representative body of the Italian Red Cross.
- 32.2. The National Assembly consists of the following bodies: the National President, two National Vice Presidents, two National Advisors, the President of the Regional Committees of the ItRC and of the autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bozen, the President of the Committees of the ItRC, the National inspector of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps and the National Inspector of the II.VV. In case of absence or impediment, the President of the Committees can delegate as a substitute a Vice President or a Member of the Board of Directors.
- 32.3. The National Assembly:
  - a. defines the mission and policy of the Italian Red Cross, approving the relevant strategic plan.
  - b. Approves the reports of the activities and educational initiatives as foreseen by the National Board of Directors;
  - c. determines the amount of the annual membership fee;
  - d. deliberates the modifications to the By-laws with the two third majority of the members;
  - e. can approve recommendations to update the regulations;
  - f. appoints one of the members of the Body of Auditors, as per following article 35-bis below;
  - g. assesses the compliance to the national laws of the purposes of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.
  - h. approves the provisional budget and the annual balance sheet of the Italian Red Cross and of the Red Crescent.
- 32.4. The National Assembly gathers at least once a year in ordinary way and in extraordinary way whenever the Board of Directors, the National Council or a third of the members would require it. The meeting is called by the National President through a notice – containing the agenda – published on the institutional website at least 15 days before the scheduled date for the

- meeting. The extraordinary session must be held not later than 30 days from the call for meeting.
- 32.5. The National Assembly is chaired by the National President and is validly constituted in first call with the attendance of at least the half of the members plus one and in a second call whatever the number of attendees might be.
- 32.6. The National Assembly adopts its decisions according to the majority of the attendees, except where a different majority is provided by the Bylaws.
- 32.7. Relevant written minutes of the National Assembly must be drawn up, underwritten by the President and a Secretary of the meeting, and published on the Institutional website by the following 15 days.

### **33. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 33.1. The National Board of Directors consists of the National President, who presides it, of two Vice Presidents and two Advisors.
- 33.2. The National Board of Directors is elected by the President of the Committees, the President of the Regional Committees and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bozen. The procedure of election is established according to an election procedure approved by the National Assembly. In any case, within the National Board, both genders must be present and at least a representative of the *Giovani della Croce Rossa Italiana* (Youth of the Italian Red Cross) must act as a Vice President.
- 33.3. The National Board of Directors:
- a. deliberates on the programs and plans of actions and indicates the priorities and strategical objectives of the Italian Red Cross coherently with what approved by the National Assembly;
  - b. deliberates the National plan of the activities and relevant educational initiatives;
  - c. approves the budget changes to reach the approved objectives approved by the National Assembly;
  - d. approves the regulations foreseen by these By-laws after acquiring the favorable opinion of the National Council;
  - e. institutes the CRI Committees;
  - f. allows and revokes the use of the identifying emblem and the logo;
  - g. coordinates also through the delegates and referents of the project the national activities and verifies the compliance to the necessities of the national planning;
  - h. decides on the proposals of the commissioner of the Committees expressed by the Regional Board of Directors;
  - i. can co-opt up to two additional members from the civil community to be selected for relevant merits and professional skills. The co-option must be unanimously taken by all the members of the Board. The co-opted personalities do not have the right to vote, terminate their office together with the board that has co-opted them and acquire the status of supporting member. No person can be co-opted who covers a political charge;
  - j. can authorize the constitution of the Committees of the Metropolitan Areas, corresponding to such territorial level, in place and with the powers of the corresponding Committee.
- 33.4. The National Board of Directors stays in charge four years. The members cannot be re-elected more than one time consecutively for the same role.

### **34. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

- 34.1. The National President:

- a. represents the Italian Red Cross both in Italy and abroad, in front of third parties and in court;
  - b. represents all the members of the Italian Red Cross;
  - c. c. takes care of the relationship with other National Societies and bodies of the Movement and seats by his/her own right in the relevant bodies as the representative of the Italian Red Cross;
  - d. takes care of the relationships with the institutional authorities of the Republic of Italy and with other nationally spread external institutions and associations;
  - e. in wartimes and upon the deployment of the State's Army, takes the power, pursuant to the law in force.
  - f. in case of calamities of national or superregional relevance, takes the coordination of all first aid services of the Association.
- 34.2. The National President can indicate, between the two Vice President his/her own vicar, carrying out his/her functions in case of his/her absence or impediment. Such appointment must be formally communicated to the National Board of Directors, to the Secretary General and to the President of the Regional and of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bozen Committees.
- 34.3. The National President stays in charge for four years and can be re-elected only one time consecutively. In any case, anyone is immediately un-eligible to the role, who has covered a top role at national level, whether elected or appointed, for more than 8 consecutive years.
- 34.4. The National President can be disheartened by the National Assembly, upon request to be inserted in the agenda by at least one third of the members. The motion of no confidence, which can be proposed only once over the duration of the mandate, is approved by a majority of two thirds of the members of the Assembly and causes the disqualification of the President and of the National Board of Directors and the immediate call for elections. In the *interim* a collegium composed of three Regional Presidents chosen by lot will carry out the functions of the President and of the National Board of Directors and will be chaired by the most senior for subscription to the Association.

### **35. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

- 35.1. The National Council consists of the National President, who chairs it, the members of the National Board of Directors, the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bozen President.
- 35.2. The National Council normally gathers every two months and, under extraordinary circumstances, whenever the President or one third of the members deem it necessary.
- 35.3. The National Council:
- a. ensures a constant coordination and the loyal cooperation between the national and territorial levels of the Italian Red Cross;
  - b. expresses an opinion on the accomplishment of objectives assigned to the Secretary General;
  - c. expresses a binding opinion on every proposal of internal regulations of the Italian Red Cross.

### **35-BIS BOARD OF THE AUDITORS**

- 35-bis 1. The Board of the Auditors is composed by three members chosen among registered accountants or in possession of the requirements provided by the prevailing legislation for carrying on such function. One member is appointed by the National Assembly; one

- member is appointed by the National President; one member is appointed by the National Board of Directors, also upon the proposal by the interested Ministries.
- 35-bis 2. The Board of Auditors oversees the financial administration of the Association, ascertains the regular bookkeeping, examines the proposals of the preliminary budget and of the balance sheet, drawing up the relevant reports, and performs treasury audits.
- 35-bis 3. The members of the Board of Auditors can attend, without right to vote, the meetings of the National Board of Directors.
- 35-bis 4. The members of the Board of Auditors stay in charge three years and can be reconfirmed.

### **35-TER SUPERVISORY BODY**

- 35-ter 1. The supervisory Body, also in a monocratic form, is appointed by the National Board of Directors among persons showing adequate professional skills and belonging, pursuant to section 30 of the d.lgs.117/17, to the categories of the subjects described in article 2397, section 2 of the civil code. At the time of the appointment, the National Board of Directors determines also the remuneration for the Supervisory Body.
- 35-ter 2. The Supervisory Body, pursuant to article 30, section VI, first sentence and VII of the d.lgs.117/17, supervises the observance of the law and of the By-laws, in compliance with of the principles of correct administration and in particular on the adequacy of the organizational, administrative and accounting framework and on its actual functioning.
- 35-ter 3. The Supervisory Body exercises any other power as provided for by the prevailing regulations or the By-laws.
- 35-ter 4. The Supervisory Body stays in charge three years and can be reconfirmed.

### **36. SECRETARY GENERAL**

- 36.1. The Secretary General oversees the management of the Italian Red Cross and exerts his/her activities following the guidelines of the National President and of the National Board of Directors.
- 36.2. The Secretary General:
- a. implements the resolutions of the National Board of Directors and the instructions given to him/her by the National Assembly;
  - b. draws up the preliminary budget, the annual balance sheet and the financial reports;
  - c. organizes the services of the Secretariat and decides its structure in compliance with the resolutions of the National Assembly and the National Board of Directors. To this end, he/she can hire resources in conformity with the law and the internal regulation. In any case, the guidelines of the Secretariat structure are subject to the approval by the National Board of Directors;
  - d. performs any other function attributed to him/her by the law, the By-laws or handed over by the National Board of Directors or the National President and reports thereon.
  - e. Attends, with consultative vote, to the meetings of the National Board of Directors, of the National Council and he/she is by law the Secretary of the National Assembly.
- 36.3. The Secretary General is appointed by the National Board of Directors which can revoke him/her in case of failure to attain the assigned objectives. A Regulation sets out the modalities of hiring of the Secretary General. In any case the Secretary General expires at the moment of the expiration of the National Board of Directors which appointed him/her.

### **37. SUBSIDIARY POWER**

- 37.1. In case of serious and unjustified omission or delay in adopting actions activating ruling procedures by a Committee, the hierarchically superior President, subject to prior formal warning to act in the peremptory term of ten days, may take any initiative aimed at ensuring the respect of the provisions of the By-laws.

### **38. COMMISSIONERS**

- 38.1. The appointment of a Commissioner of a Committee is decided in the following cases:
- a. whenever, in the course of an election procedure, it would result the lack of candidates or the legal number would not be attained for the validity of the consultation;
  - b. following a motion of distrust against the National Board of Directors and the President;
  - c. in case of serious breaches of the By-laws by the President or the Board of Directors in its entirety. An appeal to the National President is allowed;
  - d. in case of expiration of the President from the role, as a result of the application of the disciplinary sanctions of suspension or radiation;
  - e. in case of absent Committees for more than twice within the same solar year to the meetings of the superior assemblies;
- 38.2. In case of resignation of a President before the natural expiration of the mandate, the appointment of the Commissioner is decided only where the Vice President will not ensure the ordinary administration of the activities;
- 38.3. The Commissioner of the Committee:
- a. is a voluntary member of the Italian Red Cross entitled to the passive right to vote;
  - b. is appointed by the National President, upon the proposal of the Regional President;
  - c. stays in charge for a maximum period of six months until the resolution of the issues that have determined the appointment of the Commissioner;
  - d. cannot be in a situation of incompatibility set out in the following article;
  - e. can be replaced before the expiration of the mandate with the same procedure of the appointment.
- 38.4. With the same procedures it can be decided the appointment of one or two Deputy Commissioners.
- 38.5. For the appointment of a Commissioner in respect of a Regional and autonomous province Committee, the rules set out in the previous section shall apply insofar as applicable.
- 38.6. The appointment of a Commissioner at a national level is not admitted.
- 38.7. Should it result necessary an urgent intervention as a consequence of acts and behaviors, which may cause a serious and immediate harm, the National President can decide, upon hearing informally the Regional President, the appointment of a commissioner in respect of a Committee, by temporary appointment of the Commissioner. The act is submitted for ratification to the National Board of Directors in the first subsequent meeting.

### **39. INCOMPATIBILITY**

- 39.1 All elective roles set out in these By-laws, including those of the members of the Boards of Directors, and the roles of the representative of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps in such Boards, or of the Inspector II.VV., at all levels, subject to what provided by the law for the National Inspector of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps, are incompatible:
- a. reciprocally;
  - b. with the receipt of remuneration from the Italian Red Cross, even indirect (temporary agencies, cooperatives, participated companies)

- c. with role and charges by any other institution, company, and/or association pursuing purposes and institutional activities similar and in competition with the ones of the Italian Red Cross;
  - d. with the entitlement to positions of responsibility and representation in political parties and movements as well as of elective appointments provided for the local administrative – with the exception of municipalities with a population lower than 10.000 inhabitants – provincial and regional (included the mountains communities), political and for the European Parliament elections and with the entitlement to the office of councilor, undersecretary of State or minister. The national elective offices referred to in these By-laws are incompatible also with the entitlement to roles of responsibility and representation of national relevance in other movements, trade unions, religious confessions and associations. The incompatibility runs with effect from the moment of the acceptance of the candidacy or the appointment.
- 39.1. The right of option is exercised within five days from the moment when the situation of incompatibility occurs. Failure to exercise the option results in the loss of the appointment.
- 39.2. The candidacy or appointment to one of the roles under letter d) of the first paragraph results in the immediate loss of the elective offices referred to in these By-laws, including those of members of the Board of Directors and the roles of representative of the ItRC Volunteer Military Corps in the Board of Directors or of Inspector II.VV. at all levels.

## **TITLE V. – RESOURCES**

### **40. EMPLOYEES**

- 40.1. The employees of the Italian Red Cross are subject to the national collective agreement defined pursuant to modalities set out in article 6 paragraph 5 of Legislative Decree 28th September 2012, n. 178.
- 40.2. Employees are hired by the National Committee, the Regional and the Autonomous Provinces Committees, as well as by the Committees respecting the relevant need of employees, in accordance with the prevailing provisions on collective bargaining, taking account of its relevant budget availabilities.

### **41. ASSET AND INCOMES**

- 41.1. The Assets of the National Red Cross are devoted to the fulfilment of the purposes set out in the of these By-laws.
- 41.2. Income of the Association includes the following:
- a. Members' subscription fees;
  - b. donations, bequest, legacies, inheritances;
  - c. contribution and ordinary and special subventions by the State, the regions and any other public or private institution;
  - d. contributions and subventions by the institutions of the European Union, of other foreign or international bodies;
  - e. proceeds from the activities carried out and income from services provided under conventions;
  - f. provisions foreseen for the voluntary association and for associations for social promotion;
  - g. oblations and public fundraising
  - h. liberal provisions by the associates and by third parties;

- i. income from promotional initiatives aimed at own funding, such as celebrations, lotteries and subscriptions also with prizes;
  - j. income from assets;
  - k. proceeds from activities of sponsorship with national and international companies, put in place under the aegis of bodies of the international Movement;
  - l. any other income compatible with the social goals of the Association for social promotion, subject to compliance with applicable law.
- 41.3. The Italian Red Cross does not accept donations, sponsorships or patronages coming from proceeds of activities contrary to its Fundamental Principles.
- 41.4. Within the boundaries set by its own purposes, the Italian Red Cross purchases owns, alienates and manages any asset the Association considers appropriate.
- 41.5. The Italian Red Cross can constitute and manage any reserve, insurance or fund for its personal use or for any of its activities.
- 41.6. The Committees, at all level, are bound for at least three years to record-keeping, with the indication of the granting persons, in respect of the financial resources as described in articles 41.2 letters b), c), d), e), and for the economic resources referred to under letter h); of the relevant documentation for the liberal grants, if finalized to the tax deduction and deduction from taxable income.
- 41.7. The documents, determinations and assets are filed and kept in custody, also in digital consultable format, for the sake of continuity of documenting of the activities and subsequent research purposes.
- 41.8. The historical and archive material, including assets and items in custody by the Committees, the archives and museum structures of the Italian Red Cross, already safeguarded pursuant to the law in force in the field of Cultural Heritage, constitutes a historical heritage, unique and non-separable of the Association and forms its memory.
- 41.9. The historical and archive material is catalogued and managed pursuant to a specific Regulation.
- 42. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL ORDER**
- 42.1. The financial year starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 42.2. The financial and accounting order of the Italian Red Cross is governed by a regulation approved by the National Assembly, pursuant to the provisions and for the fulfilment of the purposes set by these By-laws. The regulation must provide the obligation for any Committee ItRC to devote:
- a. a percentage devoted to the emergency operations;
  - b. a percentage devoted to the international cooperation;
  - c. a percentage devoted to the training of its Members;
  - d. a percentage devoted to support the ItRC Regional Committee for functions and services provided to the ItRC Committees.
- 42.3. The proceeds of the activities cannot be, in any case, be divided among the Members, not even in an indirect manner. The surplus is devoted exclusively in favor of the institutional activities.
- 42.4. At all level the Committees:
- a. must achieve a balanced position and acknowledge it in the annual balance sheet.
  - b. is provided by managerial, economic, financial and asset autonomy;



- c. may require an own fiscal number and VAT code, unless they want to remain tributary of the fiscal number and VAT code of their Regional Committee. The accounting and organization regulation contains the specific discipline;
  - d. they respond of the obligations directly taken over while they do not respond at any title, reason and cause for the obligations taken by other territorial structures.
- 42.5. At the end of each financial year, the accounts of the Italian Red Cross at national level are revised by the Board of Auditors. The Auditors, appointed at the various territorial levels, must be certified and inscribed in the register of certified accountants.
- 42.6. For the tax regime, reference should be made to the Title X, of d.lgs.117/17 for any matter other not regulated by d.lgs. 178/2012

## **TITLE VI – NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

### **43. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS**

- 43.1. section abrogated)
- 43.2. (section abrogated)
- 43.3. (section abrogated)
- 43.4. (section abrogated)
- 43.5. (section abrogated)
- 43.6. (section abrogated)
- 43.7. (section abrogated)
- 43.8. For the discipline of the association relationship, of the association modalities and of the rights of the associates, reference is made to the provisions of these By-laws at art. 14, paragraphs 3 and 4 the temporary nature of the associative life remaining absolutely forbidden.

### **43-BIS. REFERRAL**

- 43-bis. 1. Reference should be made to the prevailing legislation in respect of non-profit organizations, also pursuant to d.lgs. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n. 117.

## **TITLE VII – FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **44. ADOPTION AND MODIFICATIONS**

- 44.1. These By-laws, deliberated pursuant to the legislative decree 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 n. 178, enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and abrogates the previously in force by-laws and any other conflicting rule previously issued.
- 44.2. Amendments to the By-laws are approved by the National Assembly of the Italian Red Cross, subject to previous communication to the Secretary General of the International Federation and previous favorable advice of the joint Commission CICR/FICR based on the by-laws of the National Societies.

### **45. TRANSITORY RULES**

- 45.1. At the moment of the entrance into force of these By-laws:
  - a. the Local Committees take the denomination of Committees.
  - b. the Central Committee takes the denomination of National Committee.
  - c. the Provincial Committees, whenever the local Committee of the main city is created, are dismissed;

- d. the other Provincial Committees are constituted by law into Committees; they are assigned the same territorial scope of the former Provincial Committee.
- 45.2. Within thirty days from the entrance into force of these By-laws, the National President, also upon the proposal of each Regional President, assigns the territorial competences to all the constituted Committees.
- 45.3. Within twelve months from the approval of these By-laws the following regulations are approved:
- a. Election Regulation. The election regulation must contain the rules for the institution of the election offices at any level, whose composition and whose procedures must be inspired to third party and impartiality criteria;
  - b. Accounting and organization regulation;
  - c. Regulation on the use of the emblem and patronages;
  - d. regulation on organization, activities, training, volunteers order
  - e. Code of ethics, disciplinary measures and disciplinary board;
  - f. Regulation on the protection of the safety and health of the volunteers
  - g. Regulation for the hiring of the Secretary General and Regional Secretaries;
  - h. Documents on Youth policies and regulation on the *Giovani della Croce Rossa Italiana* (Youth of the Italian Red Cross).
  - i. Regulation to attribute the recognitions of the Italian Red Cross.
  - j. Regulation on the safeguard of the archives for the material of historical interest of the Italian Red Cross.
  - k. Regulation on the organization of bands, fanfares, sport teams of the Italian Red Cross
  - l. Regulation on temporary voluntaries of the Italian Red Cross for the fulfilment of the functions set out in article 5, section 1, letter y) of the d.lgs. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, n. 117;
  - m. Regulation on the discipline of the steps for the procedure of constitution of the Committees. Until the approval of such regulation, to the extent they are compatible, the rules set out in the Ordinance of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015, n. 292 will apply.
- 45.4. The regulations referred to in the previous section are approved by the National Board of Directors, having heard the opinion of the National Council. Until the election of the association bodies, these regulations are approved by the National President upon hearing the favorable and binding opinion by the National Council. The regulation under letter a) is approved by the National Assembly together with the election calendar within three months since the entrance into force of these By-laws.
- 45.5. Within twelve months since the approval of these By-laws, the National President takes care of what established by article 8.4 above.
- 45.6. Within twelve months from the approval of these By-laws, the National President provides to call the elections of the Presidents and of the Boards of Directors at all territorial levels.
- 45.7. The rules governing the circulation of vehicles of the Italian Red Cross, issued by the relevant Consolidated Text CRI, pursuant to article 138 of d.lgs. 30<sup>th</sup> April 1992 n. 285 – apply, directly and without any other acknowledgement procedure or act, in all the articulations of the Italian Red Cross, pursuant to Decree by the Department of Public Health dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 published on Official Gazette n. 289 dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- 45.8. The historical heritage of the Italian Red Cross remains in the articulations, archives and museums of the Italian Red Cross where it is situated at the time of the entrance into force of these By-laws. The same territorial articulations will assure its continuity of preservation, custody, update and managing.

45.9. The calculation of the eight years determining the ineligibility as per art. 24.2, 29.3 and 34.3 takes effects from the elections called after the entrance into force of these By-laws. In any case, in this calculation the mandates completed in the CRI, an institution of Public Law under the previously applicable By-laws are not considered.

**46. REFERRAL RULES**

46.1. As far as what is not expressly regulated in these By-laws, reference should be made to what provided by d.lgs. 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 n. 178, d.lgs. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 n. 117 and by Decree by of the Ministry of Public Health of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 and by the applicable provisions of law as in force.

**TABLE OF THE REVISIONS OF THE BYLAWS**

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1	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	First Revision
2	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Second Revision
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