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Chapter I. General Provisions

Article 1. The Government of the Russian Federation Is a Supreme Executive Authority of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation is a body of state authority of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall exercise the executive authority of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation is a collective body, standing at the head of the unified system of executive authority in the Russian Federation.

Article 2. The Legal Framework of Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall carry on its activities on the basis of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the federal constitutional laws, the federal laws and the norm-setting decrees of the President of the Russian Federation.

Article 3. Basic Principles of Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall in its activities be guided by the principles of the supremacy of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the federal constitutional laws and the federal laws, the principles of democracy, federalism, division of powers, responsibility, transparency and ensuring the human and civil rights and freedoms.

Article 4. The Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation Associated with the Organization of Enforcement of Laws and Other Legal Acts

The Government of the Russian Federation shall, acting within its powers organize the enforcement of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the federal constitutional laws, the federal laws, the decrees of the President of the Russian Federation, the international treaties of the Russian Federation, exercise regular control over the compliance therewith by the federal bodies of executive authority and the executive authorities of the Russian Federation's subjects, take measures towards eliminating the violations of the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 excluded Article 5 from this Law

~~Article 5. System of the Federal Bodies of Executive Authority~~

~~The system of the federal bodies of executive authority shall be established by the federal law.~~

~~The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall submit to the President of the Russian Federation proposals on the structure of the federal bodies of executive authority within a week after his appointment.~~

Chapter II. The Composition of the Government of the Russian Federation and Procedure of Its Formation

Article 6. The Composition of the Government of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall be made up of the members of the Government of the Russian Federation - the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and federal ministers.

As to the procedure for keeping of the personal records of the persons appointed to state posts of the Russian Federation in the procedure of nomination and state posts of the Federal State Service, see the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 640 of June 1, 1998 entering into force as from December 1, 1998

Article 7. Appointment and Discharge of the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by the President of the Russian Federation according to the procedure established by the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be relieved of his post by the President of the Russian Federation:

at the request for resignation made by the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation;

in the event the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation is in no position to exercise his respective powers.

The President of the Russian Federation shall notify the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the discharge of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation on the day of making a relevant decision.

The removal of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation from his post shall at the same time entail the resignation of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 8. Performance of Duties by the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

In the event of temporary absence of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation his duties shall be performed by one of the deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation in conformity with the letter of division of responsibilities executed in writing.

In case of discharge of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation the President of the Russian Federation shall have the right prior to the appointment of a new chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation to entrust the performance of the duties of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation to one of the deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation for a period of up to two months.

Article 9. Appointment and Discharge of Deputy Chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and Federal Ministers

The deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and federal ministers shall be appointed and discharged by the President of the Russian Federation at the suggestion of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and federal ministers shall have the right to file in an application for resignation.

Article 10. The Data Regarding the Incomes and Property of the Members of the Government of the Russian Federation

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and federal ministers shall be obliged upon appointment and henceforth on an annual basis, not later than April 1 of the year following a financial year under review to present to the tax bodies of the Russian Federation the data concerning the received and taxable incomes, securities and taxable property owned by them. The tax bodies of the Russian Federation shall submit the said data to the President of the Russian Federation and to the Federal Assembly. The said data may be published.

On the Submission of Information About Income and Property by the Persons Holding the State Posts of the Russian Federation see the [Decree](#) of the President of the Russian Federation No. 484 of May 15, 1997

As to the measures for the organization of the check of the information submitted by persons appointed to state posts of the Russian Federation in the procedure of nomination and state posts of the Federal Service, see the [Decree](#) of the President of the Russian Federation No. 641 of June 1, 1998

Article 11. Restrictions Associated with the Service in the Government of the Russian Federation

The members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall have no right:

to be incorporated as members of the Federation Council, deputies of the State Duma, deputies of legislative (representative) bodies of state power of the Russian Federation's subjects and deputies of the elected bodies of local self-government;

to hold other posts in state bodies, bodies of local self-government and public associations;

to engage in business either in person or through fiduciaries, including to participate in management of an economic entity regardless of its organizational form and legal status. The members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be obliged to pass over into trust administration against a state guarantee for the period of their service in the Government of the Russian Federation shares (blocks of shares) that they may own in the authorized capital of commercial organizations in the manner prescribed under the federal law;

to undertake any other paid activities, except for teaching, scientific and other creative endeavours;

to act as agents or representatives at state bodies in cases of any third persons;

to make use for non-official ends of the information, the means of material, technical, financial and information support, intended for official work only;

to draw fees for publications and speeches made while acting in the capacity of a member of the Government of the Russian Federation;

to receive in connection with the exercise of their powers from private individuals and legal entities loans, gifts, money or other remuneration, including services and payment for rest and recreation not provided for under the federal legislation;

to accept without the permission of the President of the Russian Federation honorary and special titles, awards and other insignia of foreign states;

to go on business trips outside the Russian Federation for account of private individuals and legal persons, except for business trips undertaken in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, international treaties of the Russian Federation or on an exchange basis by agreement between the federal bodies of state power and the state bodies of foreign states, international and foreign organizations.

Chapter III. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation

Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended Article 12 of this Law

Article 12. General Issues of Control of Federal Ministries and Other Federal Bodies of Executive Authority

The Government of the Russian Federation shall direct the work of federal ministries and other federal bodies of executive authority and control their activities.

The federal ministries and other federal bodies of executive authority shall be subordinate to the Government of the Russian Federation and bear responsibility before it for the performance of the tasks they have been entrusted with.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall be entitled for the purpose of exercising its powers to set up its territorial bodies and appoint corresponding officials.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall approve regulations on federal ministries and other federal bodies of executive authority, fix the ultimate number of employees of their staff and the amount of appropriations towards the upkeep of the said staff within the funds stipulated for the said purpose in the federal budget.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall establish the procedure for setting up and operation of the territorial bodies of the federal executive authorities, fix the amount of allocations towards the upkeep of their staff within the funds stipulated for the said purpose in the federal budget.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall appoint and discharge deputy federal ministers, heads of the federal bodies of executive authority, being not federal ministers and their deputies, heads of the bodies and organizations under the Government of the Russian Federation, approve the membership of the boards of the federal ministries and other federal executive authorities.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to abolish the acts of the federal executive authorities or suspend the said acts.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to establish organizations, form coordinating and deliberative bodies as well as bodies under the Government of the Russian Federation.

The special features of managing federal ministries and other federal bodies of executive authority as regards the matters described under the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws and federal laws as the powers of the President of the Russian Federation, shall be such as prescribed under [Article 32](#) of this federal constitutional law.

Article 13. General Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall, acting within its powers:

organize the implementation of the domestic and foreign policy of the Russian Federation;

carry out the regulation in the social and economic sphere;
ensure the unity of the system of executive authority in the Russian Federation;
direct and control the activities of its bodies;
formulate federal directed programs and ensure their implementation;
exercise its right of legislative initiative.

The Government of the Russian Federation may upon the approval of the executive authorities of the Russian Federation's subjects delegate to them the exercise of a portion of its powers, unless it is consistent with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, this federal constitutional law and federal laws.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall exercise the powers that have been delegated to it by the executive authorities of the Russian Federation's subjects on the basis of respective agreements.

Article 14. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the
Economic Sphere

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

[Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended the second paragraph of Article 14 of this Law](#)

carry out the regulation of economic processes in accordance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, the regulatory decrees of the President of the Russian Federation;

ensure the unity of the economic space and the freedom of economic activities, the free movement of goods, services and financial resources;

make a forecast of the social and economic development of the Russian Federation, draw up and implement the programs of development of priority sectors of the economy;

formulate the State structural and investment policy and take measures towards its implementation;

carry out the management of the federal property;

develop and realize the State policy in the sphere of international economic, financial, investment cooperation;

carry out the general supervision of the customs affairs;

undertake measures for the protection of domestic manufacturers of goods, providers of work and services;

formulate a mobilization plan of the Russian Federation's economy, ensure the functioning of the defence industry of the Russian Federation.

[Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended Article 15 of this Law](#)

Article 15. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the
Sphere of Budget, Financial, Credit and Monetary Policy

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

ensure the conduct of a single financial, credit and monetary policy;

prepare and submit to the State Duma a federal budget and ensure its performance;

submit to the State Duma a report on the performance of the federal budget;

develop and realize the tax policy;

ensure the improvement of the budgetary system;

undertake measures for regulating the securities market;

carry out the management of the State internal and external debts of the Russian Federation;

exercise currency regulation and currency control in accordance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, the regulatory decrees of the President of the Russian Federation;

direct the currency and financial activities in the relations between the Russian Federation and

foreign states;

prepare and implement measures towards the pursuing of a single price policy.

Article 16. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Social Sphere

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

ensure the conduct of a single State social policy, the exercise of the constitutional civil rights in the field of social security, promote social security and charity activities;

undertake measures for the exercise by the citizens of their rights to work;

elaborate programs of reduction and liquidation of unemployment and ensure the implementation of the said program;

ensure the conduct of a single State policy of migration;

take measures for the realization of the civil rights to health protection, for ensuring the sanitary and epidemiological safety;

assist with solving problems of the family, the maternity, the paternity and childhood, take measures for the implementation of the youth-addressed policy;

cooperate with public associations and religious organizations;

prepare and implement measures for the development of physical culture, sports and tourism as well as the sanatoria and resort-related sphere.

Article 17. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Sphere of Science, Culture, Education

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

elaborate and carry out measures of State support for the development of science;

provide State support for the fundamental science as well as the priority areas of the applied science enjoying nation-wide significance;

ensure the conduct of a single State policy in the field of education, determine the basic directions of development and improvement of the general education and vocational training, promote the system of free education;

provide for the State support of culture and the preservation of both the cultural heritage of the national value and that of the peoples of the Russian Federation.

Article 18. The Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Sphere of Nature Management and Environmental Protection

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

ensure the conduct of a single State policy in the field of environmental protection and the achievement of ecological safety;

undertake measures for the realization of civil rights to the favorable environment, for ensuring the ecological safety;

organize the efforts aimed at the protection and rational utilization of natural resources, regulation of nature management and the development of the Russian Federation's source of minerals and raw materials;

coordinate the efforts aimed at prevention of natural calamities, accidents and catastrophes, the reduction of their danger and elimination of their consequences.

Article 19. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Sphere of Ensuring the Legality, Civil Rights and Freedoms, Combating Crime

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

take part in the formulation and implementation of the State policy in the field of ensuring the security of the individual, the society and the State;

implement measures of ensuring the legality, civil rights and freedoms, the protection of property and public order, combating crime and other socially dangerous phenomena;

elaborate and implement measures for improving the quality of the personnel, developing and strengthening of the material and technological base of the law-enforcement bodies;

implement measures aimed at provision for the activities of the judicial bodies.

Article 20. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation Associated with Ensuring the Defences and the State Security of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

carry out the measures required to ensure the defences and the State security of the Russian Federation;

organize the provision of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, other troops and military formations of the Russian Federation with armaments and military hardware, material means, resources and services;

ensure the implementation of State directed programs and plans of development of armaments as well as programs of training citizens in specialities related to military accounting;

provide social guarantees for servicemen and other persons involved in accordance with the federal laws in the defences or the ensuring of the the State security of the Russian Federation;

take measures for guarding the State border of the Russian Federation;

supervise the civil defences.

Article 21. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Sphere of Foreign Policy and International Relations

The Government of the Russian Federation shall:

[Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended the second paragraph of Article 21 of this Law](#)

implement the measures for providing the implementation of the foreign policy of the Russian Federation;

ensure the representation of the Russian Federation in foreign states and international organizations;

while acting within its respective powers enter into international treaties of the Russian Federation, ensure the compliance with the Russian Federation's commitments under international treaties as well as supervise the compliance by other members of the said treaties with their commitments;

uphold the geopolitical interests of the Russian Federation, protect the citizens of the Russian Federation outside its territory;

exercise regulation and State control in the sphere of foreign economic activities, international scientific, technological and cultural cooperation.

Article 22. Other Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation

The special features of work of the Government of the Russian Federation in the conditions of introduction of the martial law or a state of emergency shall be determined by the federal constitutional laws.

[See Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of May 30, 2001 on the State of Emergency](#)

The Government of the Russian Federation shall exercise such other powers as it may be entrusted with by the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, decrees of the President of the Russian Federation.

[Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended Article 23 of this Law](#)

Article 23. Acts of the Government of the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation shall on the basis and in pursuance of the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, the federal constitutional laws, the federal laws, the norm-setting decrees of the President of the Russian Federation issue decisions, orders and ensure the

implementation of same.

The acts having a regulatory nature shall be issued in the form of the decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation. The acts on operative and other current issues having no regulatory nature shall be issued in the form of the orders of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The procedure for adopting the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, the regulatory decrees of the President of the Russian Federation.

The decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be binding for execution in the Russian Federation.

The decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be signed by the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The date of the official release of decisions or orders of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be the date of their first publication in one of the official editions of the Russian Federation.

The decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation shall, except for the decisions containing the data that constitute the State secret or those of a confidential nature be officially released not later than within fifteen days after their adoption, and if they are required to be made public immediately, they shall be brought to the notice of the general public immediately through mass media outlets.

The decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation involving civil and human rights, freedoms and obligations shall not take effect prior to their official publication. Other decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation shall take effect as from the day of their signing, unless the decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation provide for any other procedure of their coming into force. The orders of the Government of the Russian Federation shall become effective as from the date of their signing.

The acts of the Government of the Russian Federation may be appealed against in a court of law.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to issue appeals, statements and other acts not of a legal character.

Chapter IV. The Organization of Work of the Government of the Russian Federation

Article 24. The Powers of the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation with Respect to the Organization of Work of the Government of the Russian Federation

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be the head of the Government of the Russian Federation, determine in compliance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws and decrees of the President of the Russian Federation basic directions of activities of the Government of the Russian Federation and organize its work.

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall:

represent the Government of the Russian Federation in the Russian Federation and outside the Russian Federation;

preside over the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation by having a decisive vote;

subscribe the acts of the Government of the Russian Federation;

submit to the President of the Russian Federation proposals as to the structure of federal bodies of executive authority, the appointment and dismissal of deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and federal ministers, the imposition on them of disciplinary penalties and giving rewards;

distribute duties between the deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall on a regular basis inform the President of the Russian Federation of the work of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 25. The Powers of the Deputy Chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation

The deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation shall:

take part with the right of a decisive vote in the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation, the formulation and implementation of the policy of the Government of the Russian Federation;

take part in the preparation of decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation, ensure their implementation;

coordinate in keeping with the allocation of duties the work of the federal bodies of executive authority, issue instructions to them and supervise their activities;

review in a preliminary manner proposals, draft decisions and orders submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 26. The Powers of the Federal Ministers

The federal ministers shall:

take part with the right of a decisive vote in the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation;

participate in the preparation of decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation, ensure their implementation;

take part in the formulation and implementation of the policy of the Government of the Russian Federation;

enjoy the powers of the heads of respective federal bodies of executive authority as envisaged by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall decide questions with the obligatory participation of the federal ministers or representatives of the federal ministries being in charge of the said issues.

The federal ministers shall while exercising their powers be accountable to the Government of the Russian Federation and with respect to the issues described by the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws and federal laws as the powers of the President of the Russian Federation, also to the President of the Russian Federation.

Article 27. The Meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation

The meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be held not rarely than once a month.

The deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and the federal ministers shall take part in the meetings in person. In case they are in no position to participate in the meeting, the deputy chairmen of the Government of the Russian Federation and the federal ministers shall inform the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation accordingly.

The representatives of the chambers of the Federal Assembly, the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the Higher Arbitration Court of the Russian Federation, the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation, the Counting Chamber of the Russian Federation, the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, other persons shall be entitled to participate in the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the federal constitutional laws and federal laws or according to the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

According to [Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 611 of June 8, 1999 the heads of the bodies of executive power of the subjects of the Russian Federation elected as heads of the interregional associations shall attend the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation on a permanent basis

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to consider some issues at private meetings.

The preparation and the conduct of the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be carried out in conformity with the [Rules](#) of Procedure of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The materials of the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation and decisions made with respect to the said materials shall constitute the official information the procedure for the dissemination of which shall be established by the rules of procedure of the Government of the Russian Federation, unless otherwise is provided for by the federal constitutional laws and federal laws.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall inform the public through mass media concerning the issues that have been dealt with at their meetings and the decisions taken in that respect.

Article 28. The Issues Whose Decision Shall Be Made Exclusively at the Meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation

The meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be exclusively used to:

- make decisions concerning the submission to the State Duma of a federal budget and a report on the performance of a federal budget as well as budgets of the State non-budgetary funds;
- to discuss draft programs of the economic and social development associated with the formation of free economic zones;
- to fix a range of goods whose prices are to be regulated by the government;
- to fix a scope of issue of State securities;
- to take decisions on submitting bills by the Government of the Russian Federation to the State Duma;
- to review draft programs of privatization of federal State property;
- to consider the issues of granting subsidies, providing other support on a non-refundable basis for account of the federal budget as well as issues of giving financial support on a refundable basis with a period of repayment not in excess of two years;

Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 the words "in the amount exceeding the limits set by the Government of the Russian Federation" were excluded from paragraph 9 of Article 28

- to examine the issues of acquiring by the State of shares ~~in the amount exceeding the limits set by the Government of the Russian Federation;~~
- to deal with the issues of signing international treaties of the Russian Federation subject to ratification;
- to take decisions concerning the conclusion of agreements with executive bodies of the Russian Federation's subjects;
- to form the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation;
- to approve the regulations on the federal ministries and other federal bodies of executive authority;
- to establish the procedure for setting up and providing for the activities of the territorial bodies of federal executive authorities;
- to approve the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Russian Federation;
- to approve the Regulations on the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation.

See [Rules of Procedure](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation and the [Regulations on the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation](#), approved by the [Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 604 of June 18, 1998

Article 29. The Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation

To solve routine matters the Government of the Russian Federation shall at the proposal of the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation have the right to set up a Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation.

As to the formation of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation, see the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 477 of May 21, 1998

The meetings of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be held as the need arises.

Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 611 of June 8, 1999 deemed feasible the attendance by Chairman of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in Charge of Relations with International Financial Organizations, and President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, in the activities of the Government of the Russian Federation, discussions and elaboration of decisions on equal footing with the members of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation

The decisions of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be taken by a majority of votes of the total number of the members of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation and shall not be at variance with the acts approved at the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to reverse any decision of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Chapter V. The Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and the President of the Russian Federation

Article 30. Ensuring the Coordinated Functioning and Interaction Between the Government of the Russian Federation and Other State Bodies

The President of the Russian Federation shall as is envisaged by the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation and this Federal Constitutional Law provide for the coordinated functioning and interaction between the Government of the Russian Federation and other state bodies.

Article 31. The Right of the President of the Russian Federation to Preside at the Meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation and at the Meetings of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation

The President of the Russian Federation shall have the right to preside over the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation and the meetings of the Presidium of the Government of the Russian Federation.

[Federal Constitutional Law No. 3-FKZ of December 31, 1997 amended Article 32 of this Law](#)

Article 32. The peculiarities of the Direction of Specific Federal Bodies of Executive Power

In accordance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws the President of the Russian Federation shall direct the federal bodies of executive power in charge of the matters of defense, security, internal affairs, foreign affairs, the prevention of emergencies and the elimination of the consequences of natural disasters, shall endorse, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, the regulations on such bodies and appoint the heads thereof as well as implement the other powers as the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and the Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, the decrees and directions of the President of

the Russian Federation coordinate the activities of the federal bodies of executive power listed in Part 1 of the present article.

Article 33. The Acts of the Government of the Russian Federation to Be Abolished by the President of the Russian Federation

The decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation in the event they are incompatible with the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws and decrees of the President of the Russian Federation may be abolished by the President of the Russian Federation.

Article 34. The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation to Temporarily Perform the Duties of the President of the Russian Federation

In cases specified by the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation the chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall temporarily undertake the performance of duties of the President of the Russian Federation.

Article 35. The Resignation of the Government of the Russian Federation and the Resignation by the Government of the Russian Federation of Its Powers

The Government of the Russian Federation shall resign its powers before a newly-elected President of the Russian Federation. The decision of resignation by the Government of the Russian Federation of its powers shall be formalized as an order of the Government of the Russian Federation on the day of taking office by the President of the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to submit its resignation which shall be either accepted or rejected by the President of the Russian Federation.

The President of the Russian Federation shall have the right to make a decision on the resignation of the Government of the Russian Federation, including in cases specified by the [Constitution](#) of the Russian Federation whenever the State Duma has expressed no-confidence in the Government of the Russian Federation or the Government of the Russian Federation has been denied confidence by the State Duma.

In the event of resignation or giving up of its powers, the Government of the Russian Federation shall at the request of the President of the Russian Federation continue to work till the formation of a new Government of the Russian Federation.

Chapter VI. The Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Federal Assembly

Article 36. The Participation of the Government of the Russian Federation in the Legislative Activities

The Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to initiate legislation at the Federal Assembly.

The right of to initiate legislation shall be exercised by the Government of the Russian Federation by way of submitting draft laws to the State Duma.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to submit to the State Duma in compliance with its Rules of Procedure amendments to the draft laws being considered by the State Duma.

The draft federal laws that may be prepared by the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the matters that fall under the joint competence of the Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent members shall without fail be presented by the Government of the Russian Federation to the state bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall furnish its reports in writing with respect to the draft laws on imposition or abolishing of taxes, tax exemption, issuance of state loans, alteration of the State financial obligations as well as such other draft laws that provide for the costs to be covered for account of a federal budget. The reports of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be sent to the legal subject of legislative initiative and to the State Duma within one month

since receipt by the Government of the Russian Federation of a relevant draft law. This term may be extended subject to the approval of a relevant legal subject of legislative initiative.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall be free to send to the chambers of the Federal Assembly its official opinion about federal laws and draft-laws that may be considered by the chambers. The official opinion of the Government of the Russian Federation shall in an obligatory manner be made public or circulated when discussing federal laws and draft laws at the meetings of the Federation Council or the State Duma.

The conclusions of the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to the draft laws, amendments to the draft laws and the official opinion of the Government of the Russian Federation concerning federal laws and draft laws as may be considered by the chambers of the Federal Assembly shall be signed by the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation or by one of his deputies and shall be sent to the chambers of the Federal Assembly.

The members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to attend and take the floor at the meetings of the chambers of the Federal Assembly, their committees and commissions as is provided for by the chambers' Rules of Procedure.

To present in the chambers of the Federal Assembly a draft-law introduced by the Government of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation shall appoint an official representative (official representatives). The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation or one of his deputies shall have the right to entrust a special representative whose powers shall be specified in a relevant entrustment to defend the position of the Government of the Russian Federation regarding its conclusions, amendments and official opinion. The representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation shall attend the meetings of the chambers of the Federal Assembly when they discuss federal laws and draft-laws, where they shall be given the floor in keeping with the chambers' Rules of Procedure.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall submit to the State Duma a federal budget and a report on its performance. The report on the performance of the federal budget for the past financial year shall be presented to the State Duma together with a draft federal budget for the next financial year.

Article 37. Confidence, No-confidence and Denial of Confidence to the Government of the Russian Federation

The Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation shall have the right to call for a vote of confidence in the Government of the Russian Federation in the State Duma. In this case, the State Duma shall be entitled to pass a vote of confidence or no-confidence in the Government of the Russian Federation.

The State Duma shall have the right to express no-confidence in the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 38. The Members of the Government of the Russian Federation to Respond to the Questions of the Members of the Federation Council and Deputies of the State Duma

The members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be obliged at the invitation of the chambers of the Federal Assembly to attend their meetings and respond to the questions of the members of the Federation Council and deputies of the State Duma according to the procedure prescribed by the chambers' rules.

The invitation of the chamber of the Federal Assembly stating the questions of interest to the members of the Federation Council and the deputies of the State Dumas shall be sent to a member of the Government of the Russian Federation not later than five days prior to holding the meeting of the chamber.

In the event a member of the Government of the Russian Federation finds himself in no position to attend the meeting of the Federal Assembly, he shall give a notice to that effect in advance to the chamber of the Federal Assembly indicating the causes of absence and naming an official that will arrive to attend the meeting to respond to the questions raised.

Article 39. The Inquiries of the Members of the Federation Council and the Deputies of the State Duma

The procedure for dealing by the Government of the Russian Federation with the inquiries of the members of the Federation Council and the deputies of the State Duma shall be determined by the legislation of the Russian Federation on the status of the Federation Council member and the status of the State Duma deputy.

Article 40. The Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Committees and Commissions of the Chambers of the Federal Assembly

The Committees and commissions of the chambers of the Federal Assembly shall have the right to send inquiries in writing concerning the issues under their competence to the members of the Government of the Russian Federation and the heads of federal executive bodies.

The members of the Government of the Russian Federation and the heads of federal executive bodies shall inform relevant committees and commissions of the results of examination of the written inquiries presented by the committees and commissions of the chambers of the Federal Assembly and the measures taken in that respect within the time-limits to be agreed upon with the latter.

Article 41. Provision of Information on the Performance of the Federal Budget

The Government of the Russian Federation shall in keeping with the federal law inform the State Duma of the progress of performance of the federal budget.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall within the set time-limits furnish the requisite information to the Counting Chamber of the Russian Federation during the exercise by it of control over the performance of the federal budget in the manner prescribed under the federal law.

Chapter VII. The Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and Judicial Bodies

Article 42. The Basic Principles of Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and Judicial Bodies

The Government of the Russian Federation shall acting within its respective powers:
perform the financing of courts only with the funds of the federal budget and ensure the possibility for the full-scale and independent administration of justice in accordance with the federal law;
provide for the enforcement of court decisions.

Chapter VIII. The Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and State Bodies of the Russian Federation's Constituent Members

Article 43. The Basic Principles of Relations Between the Government of the Russian Federation and State Bodies of the Russian Federation's Constituent Members

The federal executive bodies and executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members shall within the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and the powers of the Russian Federation concerning the matters falling under the joint competence of the Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent members form a unified system of the executive authority in the Russian Federation.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall, acting within the limits of its powers with the aim of ensuring the combination of interests of the Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent members as regards the matters falling under the joint competence of the

Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent members in the sphere of exercising the executive authority coordinate the activities of executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall within one month at the most examine the proposals submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation in the established manner by the legislative (representative) or executive bodies of state power of the Russian Federation's constituent areas concerning the matters falling under the competence of the Russian Federation and those falling under the joint competence of the Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent members and inform the said bodies of the results of examining the submitted proposals.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall send to the legislative (representative) and executive bodies of state power of the Russian Federation's constituent members drafts of its decisions concerning the matters falling under the joint competence of the Russian Federation and the Russian Federation's constituent areas. The proposals of the legislative (representative) and executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members on the said projects shall without fail be considered by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 44. Control by the Government of the Russian Federation Over the Activities of the Executive Bodies and Settlement of Differences of the Said Bodies

The Government of the Russian Federation shall, acting within its powers exercise control over the activities of the federal executive bodies and with respect to the issues subject to the competence of the Russian Federation and the powers of the Russian Federation concerning the matters falling under the joint competence of the Russian Federation the Russian Federation's constituent members, also over the activities of executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent areas.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall ensure the observance by the federal executive bodies of the rights of executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members, promote the cooperation of the said bodies.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall within its powers settle disputes and eliminate differences between the federal executive bodies and executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members. To settle disputes and remove differences the provision is made to set up conciliatory commissions from among the representatives of the parties concerned.

The Government of the Russian Federation shall make proposals to the President of the Russian Federation on the suspension of acts of the executive bodies of the Russian Federation's constituent members in the event they are not consistent with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the federal constitutional laws, the federal laws, the international commitments of the Russian Federation or if they infringe the human and civil rights and freedoms.

Chapter IX. Provision for the Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

Article 45. The Costs Involved in the Maintenance of the Government of the Russian Federation

The costs involved in the maintenance of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be shown in the federal budget as a separate line.

Article 46. Provision for the Activities of the Members of the Government of the Russian Federation

The members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall in consideration of their official service receive money allowance whose amount shall be fixed by the federal legislation.

See the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 309 of April 9, 1997 on the Monetary Remuneration of the Persons Appointed to State Posts of the Russian Federation

The medical service, social and domestic maintenance of the members of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be carried out on the basis of the federal legislation within the limit of expenses of the federal budget intended for the maintenance of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 47. The Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation

To provide for the activities of the Government of the Russian Federation and to organize control over the implementation by executive bodies of decisions adopted by the Government of the Russian Federation, it is required to set up the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation. The Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation shall cooperate with the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation and the staff of the chambers of the Federal Assembly.

The Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be headed by the Head of Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation or a federal minister.

Structure of the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation was approved by the Order of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 526-r of May 15, 1998

The regulations on the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Regulations on the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation was approved by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 604 of June 18, 1998

The financing of the costs involved in the maintenance of the Staff of the Government of the Russian Federation shall be carried out within the limit of expenses allocated for the maintenance of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Chapter X. Final Provisions

Article 48. The Effective Ddate of This Federal Constitutional Law

This Federal constitutional law shall take effect upon expiration of ten days since its [official release](#) in the press.

The legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation shall be brought into accord with this Federal constitutional law within three months since the effective date of this Federal constitutional law.

To invalidate the Law of the Russian Federation on the Council of Ministers - the Government of the Russian Federation (Vedomosty of the Congress of People's deputies of the Russian Federation and the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, No. 1, item 14, 1993) as from the effective date of this Federal constitutional law.

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