

**DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 849 OF MAY 13, 2000 ON THE
PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN
THE FEDERAL OKRUG (with the Amendments and Additions of June 21, September 9, 2000,
January 30, 2001, April 6, October 5, 2004, March 21, 2005)**

For the purpose of the President of the Russian Federation exercising presidential constitutional powers, enhancing the effectiveness of activities of the federal bodies of state power and improving the system of monitoring the implementation of their decisions, I hereby resolve:

1. To transform the institution of plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation in the regions of the Russian Federation into an institution of plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation in federal okrugs.

2. To approve the Regulations on the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in a Federal Okrug as well as the List of Federal Okrugs attached hereto.

3. The Government of the Russian Federation with the participation of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation shall within three months elaborate and endorse a layout of the location of the territorial bodies of federal bodies of executive power having in view the need for its matching the layout of the location of the plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation in the federal okrugs.

4. The Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation shall within one month endorse the structure and size of the staff of plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation in the federal okrugs and before August 1, 2000 carry out the necessary organizational and staff measures under the present Decree.

5. The Head State Legal Directorate of the President of the Russian Federation shall within one month lay in due course proposals for bringing the legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation into conformity with the present Decree.

6. The following shall be deemed invalid: Items 1 - 5 of Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 696 of July 9, 1997 on the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Regions of the Russian Federation (Collection of the Legislation of the Russian Federation, item 3421, No. 28, 1997).

7. The present Decree shall come into force as of the date when it is signed.

President
of the Russian Federation

V.Putin

Moscow, the Kremlin

**Regulations on the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in a
Federal Okrug (Endorsed by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 849 of May 13,
2000) (with the Amendments and Additions of June 21, September 9, 2000, January 30, 2001, April
6, October 5, 2004, March 21, 2005)**

I. General Provisions

1. The plenipotentiary representative of the President of the Russian Federation in a federal okrug (hereinafter referred to as "plenipotentiary representative") is an official representing the President of the Russian Federation within a respective federal okrug.

The plenipotentiary representative shall make sure the constitutional powers of the head of state are exercised within a respective federal okrug.

2. The plenipotentiary representative is a federal civil servant and is a member of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

The plenipotentiary representative shall be appointed and dismissed by the President of the Russian Federation on the proposal of the Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

The plenipotentiary representative shall directly report to and be answerable before the President of the Russian Federation.

The plenipotentiary representative shall be appointed for a term determined by the President of the Russian Federation but not exceeding the term of office of the President of the Russian Federation.

The head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation shall determine a procedure for interaction between the authorised representatives and their staff and other subdivisions of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation;

3. In his activities, the plenipotentiary representative shall be governed by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal laws, decrees of the President of the Russian Federation as well as the present Regulations.

4. The plenipotentiary representative shall have deputies, distribute duties among them and control their activities.

Deputy plenipotentiary representatives shall be federal civil servants and members of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

The appointment of deputy plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation, assistant plenipotentiary representatives of the President of the Russian Federation, the dismissal thereof and also the application of incentives and disciplinary sanctions thereto shall be done by the Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

II. The Main Tasks of the Plenipotentiary Representative

5. Below are the main tasks of the plenipotentiary representative:

organizing in a respective federal okrug work aimed at the implementation by the bodies of state power of the major guidelines of domestic and foreign policies of the state as set forth by the President of the Russian Federation;

organizing monitoring of the implementation of decisions of federal bodies of state power in the federal okrug;

making sure the cadre policies of the President of the Russian Federation are implemented in the federal okrug;

presenting regular reports to the President of the Russian Federation on safeguarding national security in the federal okrug and on the political, social and economic situation in the federal okrug, laying appropriate proposals before the President of the Russian Federation.

III. The Functions of the Plenipotentiary Representative

6. To fulfill the tasks vested in him, the plenipotentiary representative shall perform the following functions:

arranging for coordination of the activities of federal bodies of executive power in a respective federal okrug;

analyzing the effectiveness of the activities of law enforcement bodies in the federal okrug as well as cadre supply to the said bodies, laying appropriate proposals before the President of the Russian Federation;

organizing interaction between the federal bodies of executive power with bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, political parties, other public and religious associations;

elaborating jointly with the inter-regional associations for economic interaction of the subjects of the Russian Federation programs of social-economic development of territories within the federal okrug;

approving nominees for federal civil servant positions and other positions within the federal okrug if appointment thereto is the prerogative of the President of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation or federal bodies of executive power;

organizing the monitoring of the implementation of federal laws, decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation, decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation, the implementation of federal programs in the federal okrug;

approving draft decisions of federal bodies of state power concerning the interests of the federal okrug or a subject of the Russian Federation located within the boundaries of the okrug;

approving proposals for awarding state decorations/awards, announcing an official message of thanks of the President of the Russian Federation as well as bestowing titles of honour of the Russian Federation, higher military and higher special ranks forwarded to the federal bodies of executive power by the bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation located within the federal okrug;

handing over, on the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation state decorations/awards and announcing official messages of thanks of the President of the Russian Federation in the federal okrug;

shall hand, on the orders of the President of the Russian Federation, judge's identity cards to the judges of the arbitrazh courts of Russian regions, and of the federal general jurisdiction courts;

taking part in the operation of the bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation as well as local self-government bodies located within the federal okrug;

organizing, on the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation the conduct of conciliatory procedures to settle disagreements between the federal bodies of state power and the bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation located within the federal okrug;

laying proposals before the President of the Russian Federation for suspending acts of the bodies of executive power of the subjects of the Russian Federation located within the federal okrug in the event when these acts conflict with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal laws, international obligations of the Russian Federation or violate the rights and freedoms of human beings and citizens;

interacting, with the Control Directory of the President of the Russian Federation and the bodies of the procurator's office of the Russian Federation in the course of organizing verification of the implementation in the federal okrug of federal laws, decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation, and decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation.

shall analyze the activity of Cossack communities put on the state register of Cossack communities in the Russian Federation associated with the realisation of agreements of Cossack communities with federal executive bodies, executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation and local self-government bodies on undertaking by members of the Cossack communities of civil and other service and submit in the established procedure to the President of the Russian Federation proposals on improving that activity;

shall consider candidacies of Cossack chieftains of army-type Cossack communities elected by higher representative governing bodies of those Cossack communities and submit in the established procedure to the President of the Russian Federation proposals to approve those candidacies.

IV. The Rights of the Plenipotentiary Representative

7. The plenipotentiary representative is entitled to:

inquire and obtain in due course the necessary materials from the independent divisions of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, federal bodies of state power as well as the bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, organizations located within a respective federal okrug and from officials;

send their deputies and staff members to participate in the work of bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation and local self-government bodies located within the federal okrug;

use in due course, databases of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation and federal bodies of state power;

use state communication systems including governmental ones;

organize within his competence verification of the implementation of decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation as well as the progress of implementing federal programs, using federal property and federal budget funds in the federal okrug;

forward citizens' complaints and petitions for consideration to the federal bodies of state power as well as bodies of state power of the subjects of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, heads of the organizations located within the federal okrug and officials;

lay before respective federal bodies of executive power proposals for providing incentives to the heads of their territorial bodies located within the federal okrug and applying disciplinary measures to them;

recruit employees of the Control Directorate of the President of the Russian Federation and, if necessary, employees of federal bodies of executive power and the territorial bodies thereof to take part in inspections, analysis of the state of affairs in organizations located within the federal okrug;

set up advisory and consultative bodies.

8. While executing his service duties, the plenipotentiary representative shall have the right of free access to any organizations located within a respective federal okrug.

V. The Organization of and Logistical Support to the Activities of the Plenipotentiary Representative

9. The coordination of operation of the plenipotentiary representative shall be exercised by the Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

10. Immediate support to the activities of the plenipotentiary representative shall be provided by the staff of the plenipotentiary representative being an independent division of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

The Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation shall endorse the structure and staff strength of the staff of the plenipotentiary representative, and determine the number of deputies to the plenipotentiary representative.

11. The plenipotentiary representative shall:

manage the activities of the staff of the plenipotentiary representative, making sure it fulfills the tasks vested in it;

distribute duties among his deputies;

endorse the operating instructions for the positions of employees of the staff of the plenipotentiary representative;

by agreement with the Administration for Personnel and State Decorations of the President of the Russian Federation, shall appoint and dismiss the employees of its staff, provide incentives for them and impose disciplinary sanctions on them, except for the persons specified in Paragraph 4 of Item 4 of the present Regulations;

sign service documentation within his competence;

issue orders on the issues of the activities of the staff of the plenipotentiary representative;

resolve issues of sending employees of the staff of the plenipotentiary representative on business trips within the Russian Federation.

12. The plenipotentiary representative shall stay in the centre of the federal okrug.

The State Flag of the Russian Federation shall be lifted above the building where the plenipotentiary representative stays; the State Flag of the Russian Federation and an image of the State Coat of Arms of the Russian Federation shall be placed in his working study.

13. The place where the plenipotentiary representative and his staff stay on the territory of the federal okrug shall be designated by the plenipotentiary representative.

14. Information, documentary, legal, logistical and transportation support to the plenipotentiary representative and his staff as well as service and living quarters, medical and social-utility services to the plenipotentiary representative and his staff employees shall be provided by respective divisions of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation and the Directorate of Presidential Affairs and the bodies of executive power of the subjects of the Russian Federation located in a respective federal okrug under agreements with the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation. Expenses towards these purposes shall be effected at the expense of the cost estimate of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation.

List of Federal Okrugs (endorsed by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 849 of May 13, 2000)

Central Federal Okrug: Belgorod Region, Bryansk Region, Vladimir Region, Voronezh Region, Ivanovo Region, Kaluga Region, Kostroma Region, Kursk Region, Lipetsk Region, Moscow Region, Orel Region, Ryazan Region, Smolensk Region, Tambov Region, Tver Region, Tula Region, Yaroslavl Region, City of Moscow.

Centre of the federal okrug: Moscow

Northwestern Federal Okrug: Republic of Karelia, Republic of Komi, Arkhangelsk Region, Vologda Region, Kaliningrad Region, Leningrad Region, Murmansk Region, Novgorod Region, Pskov Region, St. Petersburg, Nenets Autonomous Area.

Centre of the federal okrug: St. Petersburg.

Southern Federal Okrug: Republic of Adygei (Adygea), Republic of Dagestan, Republic of Ingushetia, Kabardino-Balkar Republic, Republic of Kalmykia, Karachayevo-Cherkess Republic, Republic of Northern Ossetia - Alania, Chechen Republic, Krasnodar Territory, Stavropol Territory, Astrakhan Region, Volgograd Region, Rostov Region.

Centre of the federal okrug: Rostov-on-Don.

Volga Federal Okrug: Republic of Bashkortostan, Republic of Mariy El, Republic of Mordovia, Republic of Tatarstan (Tatarstan), Udmurt Republic, Chuvash Republic - Chavash Republiki, Kirov Region, Nizhni Novgorod Region, Orenburg Region, Penza Region, Perm Region, Samara Region, Saratov Region, Ulyanovsk Region, Komi-Permyak Autonomous Area.

Centre of the federal okrug: Nizhni Novgorod.

Urals Federal Okrug: Kurgan Region, Sverdlovsk Region, Tyumen Region, Chelyabinsk Region, Khanti-Mansi Autonomous Area, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Area.

Centre of the federal okrug: Yekaterinburg.

Siberian Federal Okrug: Republic of Altai, Republic of Buryatia, Republic of Tyva, Republic of Khakassia, Altai Territory, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Irkutsk Region, Kemerovo Region, Novosibirsk Region, Omsk Region, Tomsk Region, Chita Region, Agin Buryat Autonomous Area, Taymyr (Dolgan-Nenets Autonomous Area, Ust-Orda Buryat Autonomous Area, Evenki Autonomous Area.

Centre of the federal okrug: Novosibirsk.

Far Eastern Federal Okrug: Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Maritime Territory, Khabarovsk Territory, Amur Region, Kamchatka Region, Magadan Region, Sakhalin Region, Jewish Autonomous Region, Koryak Autonomous Area, Chukotka Autonomous Area.
Centre of the federal okrug: Khabarovsk.