

Pursuant to Article IV4.a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the House of Representatives held on 29 April 2008, and at the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the House of Peoples held on 15 May 2008, the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted the following law:

**FRAMEWORK LAW  
ON THE PROTECTION AND RESCUE OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY IN  
THE EVENT OF NATURAL OR OTHER DISASTERS  
IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**CHAPTER I – SUBJECT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW**

**Article 1  
(Subject of the Law)**

(1) This Law, in general framework, regulates protection and rescue of people and property in the event of natural or other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as follows:

- a) Implementation of the international obligations and cooperation in the implementation of protection and rescue, i.e. civil protection;
- b) Competencies of the bodies and institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of protection and rescue of people and property in natural and other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- c) Coordination of actions of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the entity civil protection administrations and the relevant body for civil protection of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Brčko District of BiH);
- d) Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina - 112;
- e) Issuance and harmonisation of the framework plans and programmes of protection and rescue in the event of natural or other disasters;
- f) Public information and public relations;
- g) Funding;
- h) Protection and Rescue–Civil Protection Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(2) The system of protection and rescue of people and property in the event of natural and other disasters in the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall be regulated by entity legislation and Brčko District law.

(3) Administrative and expert/operational duties of protection and rescue in the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall be done by the competent institutions and administration bodies of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH.

## **Article 2 (Definitions)**

- (1) **“Protection and rescue”** is a form of preparation and participation of protection and rescue stakeholders in protection and rescue tasks in response to natural or other disasters.
- (2) **“Civil protection”** is a planned organised part of the system of protection from natural or other disasters, which includes organisation, preparation and participation of citizens, companies and other legal persons and professional services, organisations and associations for the purpose of the protection and rescue of people and property and environment in the event of natural or other disasters, and their consequences. Civil protection is of humanitarian and non-military nature.
- (3) **“Natural disaster”** is an event caused by a sudden activity of forces of nature, with or without human influence, which poses a threat to human/animal life and health and/or causes damage to property and/or the environment.
- (4) **“Other disasters”** include natural or man-made disasters that are not included in any of the above groups, such as mining accidents, epidemics, air accidents, rail accidents, technical and technological accidents, consequences of terrorist activities, immediate war threat, and similar.
- (5) **“Disaster”** is a serious disruption in the functioning of a community or a society causing widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses, which exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope with by using its own resources. It results from the combination of hazards, conditions of vulnerability and insufficient capacity or measures to reduce the potential negative consequences of risk.
- (6) **“Prevention”** includes measures and activities that reduce or prevent the possibility of hazard, or mitigate the consequences of natural or other disaster.
- (7) **“Preparedness”** means a timely undertaking of any action aimed to increase and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing operational and other legally defined disaster response forces and resources, which includes temporary evacuation of people and property from threatened locations.
- (8) **“Response”** means the provision of assistance or intervention during or immediately after a natural or other disaster in order to meet the need to preserve life and basic life needs of affected population.
- (9) **“Rendering assistance to other countries”** includes the delivery of materials and funds, or deployment of operation forces personnel, their equipment and resources and humanitarian aid to disaster-affected countries at their request, in line with international Standard Operating Procedures.

- (10) **“Requesting assistance from other countries and international organisations”** is a procedure of sending appeals for help and accepting assistance in materials and funds, or operation forces, their equipment and resources and humanitarian aid, in line with the existing international Standard Operating Procedures.
- (11) **“Subsidiarity”** is the principle of decision making and decision implementation at the lowest possible level with the coordination from the highest required level. Local stakeholders of disaster response should be a corner stone for any scope of response.
- (12) **“Coordination”** means **the** space/time synchronization of the activities of all subjects involved in prevention and rescue activities in natural and other disasters through all phases, and the provision of timely information to them. Coordination, in the sense of guidelines of the United Nations, is achieved through efficient communication, liaising, and interaction of protection and rescue forces to ensure protection and promotion of humanitarian principles, avoid competition and overlapping, and accomplish common goals.

### **Article 3 (Principles)**

- (1) Protection and rescue is of special public interest for Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (2) All physical and legal persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall have an obligation to provide personal and mutual protection, to provide assistance and to save human lives, material and other property, based on personal awareness, consciousness, and relevant regulations, and in accordance with their abilities and capabilities.
- (3) The institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the bodies and institutions of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH, within their competencies in the field of protection and rescue, shall conduct protection and rescue based on the subsidiarity principle.
- (4) The Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall provide assistance to civil bodies in natural and other disaster response activities in line with the Law on Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina (*Official Gazette of BiH*, number 88/05).
- (5) The Institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall ensure harmonisation, transparency and openness of the protection and rescue system and shall participate in the implementation of the protection and rescue measures stipulated in this Law in order to ensure the safety of the population.
- (6) All protection and rescue measures in natural or other disasters shall be planned, organized and implemented in line with the principles of international humanitarian law, the international law on the protection of persons and property in natural or other disasters, and the international obligations that have been taken on.

## **CHAPTER II - COOPERATION**

### **Article 4 (Principles of cooperation)**

- (1) The institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be responsible for establishing international cooperation in order to implement international legal obligations, coordinate relief programs, exchange experience with the bodies and institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH, and for relief activities in the event of natural or other large-scale disasters, particularly those that may spread across the borders.
- (2) In order to exchange experiences and knowledge, and scientific and technological achievements, and to equip protection and rescue structures, the competent institutions and bodies of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH may cooperate with institutions relevant for protection and rescue in the event of natural or other disasters in the neighbouring and other countries of the same or similar level of organisation.
- (3) The competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall have an obligation to mutually coordinate cooperation activities as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

### **Article 5 (International cooperation)**

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 1 of this Law, the international cooperation in the protection and rescue shall mean:

- a) Preparation and implementation of international treaties, agreements and other international documents and instruments in the field of protection and rescue;
- b) Exchange of information with the appropriate authorities of other countries and international organisations concerning protection and rescue;
- c) Direct communication with competent authorities in other countries and international organisations for the purpose of requesting, receiving and/or rendering urgent assistance;
- d) Coordination of border crossing in and out of Bosnia and Herzegovina and transit through third countries for the purpose of accepting and/or rendering international assistance;
- e) Harmonisation of the activities of international forces participating in protection and rescue operations on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and coordination of the employment of protection and rescue forces abroad;
- f) Preparation and implementation of international conferences, seminars, courses, workshops, and exercises in the field of protection and rescue.

**Article 6**  
**(Carrying out activities of international cooperation)**

- (1) International cooperation referred to in Article 5 of this Law shall be carried out by the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the BiH Ministry of Security).
- (2) In carrying out the activities set forth in paragraph (1) of this article, the BiH Ministry of Security shall cooperate with the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and of the entities and the Brčko District of BiH.

**Article 7**  
**(Making requests for international cooperation)**

- (1) Upon the recommendation or request of the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue of People and Property in the Event of Natural or other Disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the competent institutions and bodies of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and the entities and the Brčko District of BiH, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the BiH Council of Ministers) shall render decision on making request for international assistance following the declaration of the state of a natural or other disaster.
- (2) In terms of this Law and in accordance with international guidelines and standard operating procedures, the international assistance may be requested in case when own forces and means cannot adequately respond to natural or other disaster.

**Article 8**  
**(Acceptance and rendering of international assistance)**

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall decide as to whether to accept an offer for assistance and whether to render international assistance to the neighbouring and other countries in the event of natural or other disasters.
- (2) The procedures of the acceptance and rendering of the international assistance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article in emergencies shall be regulated by a separate regulation by the BiH Council of Ministers.

**Article 9**  
**(Deployment of protection and rescue forces)**

- (1) Only trained and educated members of protection and rescue forces may be deployed in protection and rescue actions and other activities conducted in other countries.

- (2) Members of professional protection and rescue forces may be deployed to other countries for assistance. Members of voluntary protection and rescue forces may be deployed to other countries for assistance only on voluntary basis, with written consent.
- (3) Members of protection and rescue forces, deployed to other countries for assistance, shall be insured for injuries and suffering during their duty outside of the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (4) Persons referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall be entitled to remuneration during their engagement outside of the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (5) Remuneration referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall be prescribed by the BiH Council of Ministers by a separate regulation.

**Article 10**  
**(Regulations governing border crossing)**

Upon the proposal of the BiH Ministry of Security, the BiH Council of Ministers shall also regulate, by a separate regulation, the method and procedure of border crossing during the acceptance and/or rendering of international assistance in protection and rescue.

**CHAPTER III – COORDINATION**

**Article 11**  
**(Coordination of activities of institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

The BiH Ministry of Security shall coordinate the planning and implementation activities of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the area of protection and rescue.

**Article 12**  
**(Coordination of activities of institutions and bodies of the entities and the Brčko District of BiH)**

- (1) The coordination of the protection and rescue tasks and duties, and the exchange of data, information and reports on protection and rescue measures taken by stakeholders of protection and rescue tasks and duties between the civil protection bodies and services of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall be done by the BiH Ministry of Security.
- (2) Within their competencies in the area of protection and rescue, the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall regulate, plan, conduct training, organise, fund

and implement protection and rescue in order to prevent danger and to eliminate and mitigate the impact and consequences of natural or other disasters.

- (3) The BiH Ministry of Security shall establish cooperation with the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other humanitarian organisations operating on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the purpose of planning and participation in the protection and rescue of people and property in the event of natural or other disasters.

## **CHAPTER IV – COMPETENCIES OF BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

### **Article 13 (BiH Council of Ministers)**

In the field of protection and rescue, the BiH Council of Ministers shall:

- a) Develop the protection and rescue system development program at the level of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and deliver it to the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina for adoption. The program shall, among other things, also include guidelines for the drafting of the program of the development of protection and rescue system in the entities and the Brčko District of BiH;
- b) Issue a regulation on border crossing during receiving and/or rendering international assistance in protection and rescue,
- c) Issue the Methodology for the development of threat assessment and the Protection and Rescue Plan of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina in case of natural or other disasters,
- d) Issue the Threat Assessment of natural or other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- e) Issue a decision on the establishment of the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue,
- f) Issue a decision on the establishment of the Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina - 112, the introduction of 112 - the European emergency call number, and prescribe conditions and ways of functioning of the Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina - 112,
- g) Issue the Plan of Protection and Rescue of the Institutions and Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina in case of natural or other disasters,

- h) Declare the beginning and the end of the state of natural or other disaster on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina upon the request of the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue or upon the request of the competent bodies of the Entities or the Brčko District of BiH that have already declared the state of disaster on their territory,
- i) Decide on requesting international assistance for protection and rescue, and coordinate implementation of standard operating procedures for receiving such assistance following the declaration of the state of natural or other disaster,
- j) Decide on rendering international assistance in case of natural or other disaster,
- k) Establish a specialised mixed protection and rescue unit, from specialised civil protection units and services of the Entities, the Brčko District of BiH, and other institutions, bodies and legal persons on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to act in case of natural or other disaster, and to participate in international exercises, relief operations and other activities, upon the approval of competent bodies of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH, and other institutions, bodies and legal persons on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- l) Issue regulation on remuneration for the members of protection and rescue forces deployed in relief operations abroad,
- m) Recommend allocation of funds from the Budget of the Institutions and International Obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to fund protection and rescue activities falling under the competences entrusted to the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- n) Carry out other protection and rescue duties in accordance with this Law and other regulations on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Article 14**  
**(BiH Ministry of Security)**

The BiH Ministry of Security shall carry out expert and other tasks related to protection and rescue falling within the purview of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as follows:

- a) Ensure the implementation of this law and other regulations in the field of protection and rescue that derive from this Law,
- b) In coordination with the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the entity civil protection administrations, and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH, develop and propose to the BiH Council of Ministers the Methodology for the Development of Threat Assessment and the Plan of Protection and Rescue of Peoples and Property in case of natural and other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina,



- c) In coordination with the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the entity civil protection administrations, and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH, develop and propose the Threat Assessment and the Plan of Protection and Rescue of People and Property in case of natural and other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- d) In coordination with the entity civil protection administrations and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH, receive and distribute donations designated to the protection and rescue system structures of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- e) Develop and propose the Protection and Rescue System Development Program of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- f) Develop and propose to the BiH Council of Ministers a regulation governing the crossing of national borders in the event of the receipt/rendering of international assistance in the field of protection and rescue,
- g) Issue framework education plans and programs in the field of protection and rescue in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with international standards;
- h) Issue and implement the Programme and the plan of education and training of civil servants and employees of the institutions and bodies on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of protection and rescue,
- i) In cooperation and coordination with the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the administration bodies of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH, monitor and analyse the situation in the area of protection and rescue in Bosnia and Herzegovina and recommend measures to the BiH Council of Ministers in accordance with the Law,
- j) Propose a decision on the establishment of the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue,
- k) Develop and propose a decision on the establishment of Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina - 112,
- l) Develop and recommend to the BiH Council of Ministers the organisation, equipment, conditions and ways of functioning of the Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 112, and the methods of providing and distributing data,
- m) In coordination with the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the entity civil protection administrations and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH, set down communication procedures among the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and between the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH in the event of a natural or other disaster, as well as the public information procedures,

- n) Promote and publish expert and other publications in the field of protection and rescue,
- o) Exchange protection and rescue information with other countries,
- p) Cooperate on the international level in the field of protection and rescue,
- r) Cooperate with scientific institutions and companies concerning new equipment and technological developments relevant for protection and rescue,
- s) Recommend requests for international assistance in the field of protection and rescue and coordinate the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures for receipt of assistance,
- t) Coordinate the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures in rendering assistance abroad,
- u) Coordinate the implementation of measures, duties and tasks in protection and rescue in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- v) In cooperation with the entity civil protection administrations and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH, organise, coordinate and conduct conferences, seminars, courses, exercises and other activities of international interest within the protection and rescue system in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- z) Coordinate with the entity civil protection administrations and the competent civil protection body of the Brčko District of BiH the activities on the establishment of standards for equipment and materials used in Bosnia and Herzegovina for protection and rescue,
- aa) Direct competent bodies to manage databases on risks from natural and other disasters, hazardous materials, forces, resources and other data relevant for protection and rescue in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with international conventions,
- bb) Request from the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina the employment of the Armed Forces of BiH in the event of a natural or other disaster, once available civilian resources for response to natural or other disaster are exhausted,
- cc) Provide working conditions for the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue and carry out expert and administrative tasks for the needs of the said Body,
- dd) Carry out other protection and rescue tasks in accordance with this Law and other regulations on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Article 15**  
**(Other institutions and bodies)**

Other institutions and bodies at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina operating in the area of protection and rescue shall have an obligation to plan and implement protection and rescue measures and coordinate the planning and execution of operations and tasks with the BiH Ministry of Security.

**Article 16**  
**(Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue)**

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall establish the Coordination Body of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Protection and Rescue of People and Property in the Event of Natural and Other Disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Coordination Body) which shall consist of the representatives of:
  - a) BiH Council of Ministers – (nine members)
  - b) Government of the Republika Srpska – (five members)
  - c) Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina – (five members)
  - d) Government of the Brčko District of BiH – (two members).
- (2) The Coordination body shall make decisions by majority vote of the members, provided that no decision shall be made without the consent of at least one half of the members of the Coordination Body from each of the entities and the Brčko District of BiH.
- (3) The Coordination Body shall issue the Rules of Procedure to regulate other issues of importance for its work.

**Article 17**  
**(Competencies of the Coordination Body)**

- (1) The Coordination Body is an expert operational body of the BiH Council of Ministers and shall be responsible to:
  - a) Propose to the BiH Council of Ministers, upon the request of the Entities or the Brčko District of BiH, to declare the state of a natural or other disaster on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to declare the end of such state;
  - b) Propose to the BiH Council of Ministers to make appropriate decisions falling under its competencies;

- c) Give recommendations to the competent institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and of the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH;
  - d) Coordinate protection and rescue activities with the institutions and bodies of the entities and the Brčko District of BiH, and with the institutions and bodies on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina, following the declaration of a natural or other disaster on a part or the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the BiH Council of Ministers;
  - e) Coordinate the receipt and rendering of international assistance and donations in the field of protection and rescue, following the declaration of a natural or other disaster;
  - f) Coordinate the protection and rescue activities of the institutions and bodies on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the implementation of measures of prevention and preparedness for response to a natural or other disaster within its prescribed competencies, and coordinate these activities with the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH.
  - g) Monitor the implementation of directed measures, and report on its activities to the BiH Council of Ministers.
- (2) The Coordination Body shall invite, as necessary, other institutions, bodies, agencies, organisations and experts for certain issues of interest for protection and rescue, from Bosnia and Herzegovina or from abroad, to participate in its work without the right to vote.
- (3) The BiH Ministry of Security shall carry out administrative and expert tasks for the needs of the Coordination Body;
- (4) The members of the Coordination Body shall provide the BiH Ministry of Security with the information necessary for the work of the Coordination Body as needed and at least once every three months.

### **Article 18**

#### **(Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 112)**

- (1) For the purpose of constant collection of data on all phenomena and dangers that may lead to a natural or other disaster as well as data on consequences of natural or other disasters for people and property in affected areas, and data processing and dissemination to competent authorities and legal persons, the system of single European emergency call number 112 shall be introduced in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Operations Communication Centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 112 (hereinafter: Centre – 112) shall be established.
- (2) Pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, the BiH Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall establish the Centre -112 within the BiH Ministry of Security, to be functionally connected into a single network with

operations centres of other institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as with Entity and Brčko District centres.

- (3) The BiH Ministry of Security shall recommend to the BiH Council of Ministers a regulation on the organisation, conditions and way of functioning of the Centre – 112.

## **CHAPTER V – ISSUANCE AND HARMONISATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES OF PROTECTION AND RESCUE IN CASE OF NATURAL OR OTHER DISASTERS**

### **Article 19 (Programs and plans)**

- (1) The organisation and implementation of protection and rescue in the event of natural and other disasters on the level of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be done based on the Program of Development of Protection and Rescue System and the Protection and Rescue Plan on the level of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the event of natural or other disasters;
- (2) The Program and the Plan referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be developed based on the Threat Assessment of a natural or other disasters;
- (3) The Program and the Plan referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall also contain guidelines for drafting programs of the development of protection and rescue system and the protection and rescue plans in the Entities and the Brčko District of BiH.

### **Article 20 (Contents of program)**

The Program of the development of the protection and rescue system of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall set the policy and strategy of protection and rescue of people and property from natural and other disasters, define development programs and projects and strategic directions for the development of protection and rescue in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **Article 21 (Contents of plans)**

Protection and rescue plans shall be made in order to determine the organisation, engagement and operation of the protection and rescue system, tasks and competencies, human resources and required material and technical resources, as well as the measures and procedures for the implementation of protection and rescue in the event of a natural or other disaster.

**Article 22**  
**(Obligations of institutions and bodies)**

- (1) Upon the request of the BiH Ministry of Security, the institutions and bodies on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall have an obligation to submit information required for the development of the Threat Assessment and the Protection and Rescue Program and Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (2) In accordance with this Law, the institutions and bodies on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall develop their protection and rescue operation plans in the event of natural or other disasters, and shall harmonise them with the Protection and Rescue Plan in the event of natural or other disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (3) The harmonisation of the Protection and Rescue Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entity and Brčko District plans shall be done in coordination with the competent Entity and Brčko District bodies.

**CHAPTER VI – FUNDING, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**Article 23**  
**(Funding)**

- (1) The following funds shall be allocated in the Budget of the Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and International Obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina:
  - a) For equipment, training, operation and functioning of the Centre – 112;
  - b) For equipment, training, operation and functioning of the Coordination Body;
  - c) For professional development and training of civil servants and employees for protection and rescue duties in the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - d) Remuneration of expenses incurred in the performance of international protection and rescue operations directed by a competent protection and rescue authority;
  - e) For rendering assistance to other countries, Entities and the Brčko District of BiH in case of natural or other disasters;
  - f) For additional equipping and training of units set forth in Article 13, paragraph 1, subparagraph k), of this Law; and

- g) For other needs in accordance with this Law.
- (2) For funding a part of requirements and activities referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, funds may be provided through financial and material/technical contributions by the legal persons of Bosnia and Herzegovina, donations by other countries and international organisations, and other forms of assistance.

**Article 24**  
**(Availability of information)**

In carrying out tasks and duties of protection and rescue, protection and rescue stakeholders at the level of the institutions and bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall have an obligation to ensure transparency and make relevant information on threats and measures of protection and rescue available to citizens and public in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the competent governmental authorities of the neighbouring countries that might be endangered by a natural or other disaster in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**CHAPTER VII – TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 25**  
**(Issuing of regulations)**

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall issue regulations referred to in Article 13 of this Law within six months from the date of this Law's entry into force.
- (2) Within one year of the entry into force of this Law, the BiH Council of Ministers shall propose amendments to the relevant laws, especially in the area of public procurements, customs fees and taxes, in order to ensure the implementation of this Law and the functioning of the protection and rescue system in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (3) The BiH Ministry of Security shall issue regulations referred to in Article 14 of this Law within six months from the date of this Law's entry into force.
- (4) The Entities and the Brčko District of BiH shall adopt and harmonise their legislation and other regulations on civil protection and rescue with the provisions of this Law within one year from the date of this Law's entry into force.

**Article 26**  
**(Day of Protection and Rescue)**

The Day of Protection and Rescue – Civil Protection of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be 1 March – the International Day of Civil Protection.

**Article 29**

**(Entry into force)**

- (1) This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day after its publication in the *Official Gazette of BiH*.
- (2) This Law shall also be published in the Entity and the Brčko District official gazettes.
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