

**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**FEDERAL LAW**

**On the Russian Science Foundation and Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation**

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**Chapter 1. General Provisions**

**Article 1. Scope of the Present Federal Law**

The present Federal Law determines the legal status, powers and functions of the Russian Science Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Foundation), which has been established for the purposes of providing financial and organizational support for carrying out basic and exploratory research, training research staff, and developing leading research teams in specific research fields. The law also determines the procedures for managing the Foundation's activities and establishing its assets.

**Article 2. Legal Status of the Foundation**

1. The Foundation is a legal entity incorporated under the laws of the Russian Federation as a Foundation.
2. The Foundation is established and functions in accordance with the present Federal Law. Charter documents as stipulated in Article 52 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation are not required for the establishment and functioning of the Foundation.
3. The full name of the Foundation in Russian is Rossiyskiy nauchniy fond (Российский научный фонд). The Foundation is abbreviated in Russian as RNF (РНФ). The Foundation's full name in English is the Russian Science Foundation. The Foundation is abbreviated in English as RSF.
4. The Foundation is located in Moscow.
5. The Foundation is considered established on the day of its registration, when the appropriate record is made in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities.
6. The Foundation has a seal bearing the National Emblem of the Russian Federation and the Foundation's full name. The Foundation has the right to have stamps and a letterhead with its full name in Russian and English.
7. The Foundation has the right to institute its emblem in accordance with the established procedure.
8. The Foundation has a bank account in the Central Bank of the Russian Federation. The Foundation also has the right to open bank accounts in lending institutions in the Russian Federation in accordance with the procedure stipulated in the legislation of the Russian Federation.
9. The Foundation is established for an indefinite duration.
10. The Foundation has the right to engage in entrepreneurial activities that correspond with the objective defined in the present Federal Law and which are necessary for its achievement. Revenues the Foundation

receives from its entrepreneurial activities go solely towards achieving that objective. To carry out the activities mentioned above, the Foundation has the right to establish business entities and (or) participate in such entities.

11. The Foundation has the right to establish branches and open offices in accordance with the established procedure both within the Russian Federation and beyond its borders. The Foundation's branches and offices function on the basis of statutes approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board. The head of a branch or office is appointed by the Foundation's Supervisory Board and acts on a power-of-attorney basis.

12. The Foundation has the right to establish non-profit organizations both within the Russian Federation and beyond its borders and (or) participate in such organizations in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the applicable laws of the countries in which such non-profit organizations are established.

13. To achieve the objectives defined in the present Federal Law, the Foundation has the right to become a member of associations and unions in accordance with the decisions of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

14. The Foundation is liable for all obligations with regard to its assets, with the exception of non-recoverable assets. The list of the Foundation's non-recoverable assets is approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

15. The Russian Federation is not accountable for the obligations of the Foundation, and the Foundation is not accountable for the obligations of the Russian Federation, unless they have assumed such obligations.

16. To disseminate informational and other materials pertaining to the work of the Foundation in science and technology, the Foundation has the right to establish media outlets and (or) act as a publisher in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

17. The Foundation cannot be declared insolvent (bankrupt).

18. In accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation and other governmental bodies supervise the activities of the Foundation.

### **Article 3. Objective and the Principal Functions of the Foundation**

1. The objective of the Foundation is to provide financial and organizational support for carrying out basic and exploratory research, training academic staff and developing leading research teams in specific research fields.

2. To achieve its objective, the Foundation performs the following functions:

1) It selects, on a competitive basis, programmes and projects in science and technology (hereinafter referred to as programmes and projects) that involve:

a) basic and exploratory research initiated by research teams, individual researchers and faculty members, including young scientists, and academic organizations and educational institutions of higher education;

b) developing research organizations and educational programmes in higher education in order to bolster the academic talent pool, conduct world-class research and development, and create high technology products;

c) establishing world-class departments and laboratories in academic organizations and educational institutions of higher education; developing experimental capabilities for research;

- d) developing international scientific and technological cooperation.
- 2) It finances competitively selected programmes and projects.
- 3) It participates in establishing and supplementing the endowments of academic organizations and educational institutions of higher education.
- 4) It participates in drafting proposals on developing the state's policies on science, technology and the development of higher education.
- 5) It disseminates information on programmes and projects.
- 6) It organizes and holds conferences, seminars, "round tables" and other academic events on issues pertaining to the activities of the Foundation.
- 7) It carries out, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, international scientific and technological cooperation.
- 8) It exercises other functions in accordance with federal laws, decision of the President of the Russian Federation.

#### **Article 4. Legal Regulation of the Foundation's Activities**

1. The Foundation's activities are regulated by the present Federal Law, other federal laws and other statutory acts of the Russian Federation adopted in accordance with those federal laws.
2. The Foundation is not subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3, 5, 7, 10 and 14 of Article 32 of Federal Law No. 7-FZ "On Non-Profit Organizations" dated January 12, 1996 regulating the supervisory procedures for non-profit organizations.

#### **Article 5. The Foundation's Three-Year Programme of Activities**

1. To achieve the objectives defined in the present Federal Law, the Foundation has developed an activities programme for a three-year period, including the principal measures for providing financial and organizational support for basic and exploratory research, training academic staff and developing leading research teams in specific research fields.
2. The Foundation adjusts its three-year programme of activities annually.

### **Chapter 2. The Foundation's Assets**

#### **Article 6. Forming the Foundation's Assets**

1. The Foundation's assets are owned by the Foundation and are formed from annual asset contributions of the Russian Federation, revenues received from the activities of the Foundation and through the use of its assets, as well as from voluntary asset contributions, donations, and other income not prohibited under the legislation of the Russian Federation.
2. The Foundation uses its assets solely to achieve the objectives defined in the present Federal Law.

#### **Article 7. Asset Contribution of the Russian Federation**

1. The Foundation receives allocations from the federal budget and, in accordance with decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation, other federally owned assets as the asset contribution of the Russian Federation.

2. Allocations of budgetary funds to the Foundation as provided for in Paragraph 1 of the present Article is carried out in accordance with the law on the federal budget for the ensuing fiscal year and planning period.

#### **Article 8. Investing Temporarily Disposable Funds of the Foundation**

1. The Foundation's temporarily disposable funds are invested under the principles of recoverability, profitability and liquidity of the assets (investment instruments) the Foundation acquires. The list of admissible assets (investment instruments), the procedure and terms for investing the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds, the procedure and mechanism for supervising the funds, the procedure for closing deals on investing the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds, the reporting forms on investing the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds, the procedure for submitting and disclosing such reports are determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The Foundation's Supervisory Board has the right to introduce additional restrictions and requirements for transactions involving the investment of the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds.

#### **Article 9. Intellectual Property Rights**

1. The rights to intellectual property created under programmes and projects financed by the Foundation belong to those who have implemented these programmes and projects.

2. The Russian Federation can, for state needs, use intellectual property created under programmes and projects financed by the Foundation on the terms of an ordinary (non-exclusive) license granted by the rights holders to the government customer with remuneration paid to the author(s) of the intellectual property.

3. The procedure for the government customer to exercise the powers of licensee on behalf of the Russian Federation in cases provided for in Part 2 of the present article is established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

### **Chapter 3. Structure of the Foundation**

#### **Article 10. Bodies of the Foundation**

1. The Foundation's governing bodies are the Foundation's Supervisory Board, Management Board and Director General.

2. The Foundation's Internal Audit Commission is the body supervising the Foundation's financial and economic activities.

3. The Foundation's expert councils are the Foundation's advisory bodies.

#### **Article 11. The Foundation's Supervisory Board**

1. The Foundation's Supervisory Board is the Foundation's supreme governing body.

2. The Foundation's Supervisory Board consists of fifteen (15) members, including the Foundation's Director General, who is a member of the Foundation's Supervisory Board ex officio.

3. Members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are appointed by the President of the Russian Federation for a term of no longer than five years.

4. The Chairperson of the Foundation's Supervisory Board is appointed by the President of the Russian Federation simultaneously with the appointments of the members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
5. The powers of the Chairperson and other members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board may be terminated pre-term by a decision of the President of the Russian Federation.
6. Members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board, with the exception of the Foundation's Director General, carry out their activities on a voluntary basis and may not be engaged in an employment-based relationship with the Foundation.
7. Members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board may not simultaneously serve as members of the Foundation's expert councils.
8. Members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board, with the exception of the Foundation's Director General, have the right to combine their membership in the Foundation's Supervisory Board with a public office or public civil service position in the Russian Federation.
9. The Foundation's Supervisory Board exercises the following powers:
  - 1) It determines priority areas of the Foundation's activities.
  - 2) It approves the Foundation's three-year programme of activities and adjusts it annually.
  - 3) It approves the procedure and criteria for competitive selection of programmes and projects and the procedure for the expert assessment of programmes and projects submitted for competition.
  - 4) It approves the procedure for supervising compliance with the Foundation's three-year programme of activities and the implementation of programmes and projects financed by the Foundation
  - 5) It approves the procedure for the Foundation's participation in forming and supplementing the endowments of academic organizations and educational institutions of higher education.
  - 6) It approves the Foundation's three-year financial plan of revenues and expenses (budget) and adjusts it annually.
  - 7) It approves the Foundation's annual report and submits it to the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation.
  - 8) It submits nominations for the office of the Foundation's Director General to the President of the Russian Federation.
  - 9) It concludes, amends and terminates the labour contract with the Foundation's Director General.
  - 10) It approves the statute of the Foundation's Management Board, makes decisions on appointing and dismissing members of the Foundation's Management Board, determines the amount of remuneration for members of the Foundation's Management Board and (or) of the reimbursement of expenses they have incurred.
  - 11) It approves the statute of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission and makes decisions on the appointment of the Chairperson and the members of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission, as well as on the termination (including pre-term termination) of their powers.
  - 12) It approves the statute of the Foundation's expert councils.
  - 13) It approves the list and composition of the Foundation's expert councils and their chairpersons.
  - 14) It supervises the activities of the Foundation's other governing bodies, their decision-making and compliance with those decisions, and the use of the Foundation's funds and other assets.

- 15) It approves the statutes of the Foundation's branch and its representative office and appoints their heads.
  - 16) It makes decisions regarding the transfer of parts of the Foundation's assets to the state treasury of the Russian Federation.
  - 17) It determines the cap on the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds for investment;
  - 18) It approves the audit company that has been selected on a competitive basis to conduct mandatory audit of the annual accounting (financial) report of the Foundation and the amount of the remuneration to the audit company for the services they provide;
  - 19) It makes decisions on:
    - a) the Foundation's accession to associations and unions;
    - b) the Foundation's establishing legal entities or participating in them;
    - c) the establishment of branches and the opening of representative offices.
  - 20) It approves the following as proposed by the Foundation's Director General:
    - a) the Foundation's organizational structure, the staff schedule and amendments thereto;
    - b) employee salaries and forms of payment;
    - c) the amount of remuneration of experts who are members of the Foundation's expert councils;
    - d) the amount of remuneration of science and technology professionals who are not members of the Foundation's expert councils, but are involved in the activities of those councils (hereinafter referred to as science and technology professionals);
  - 21) It makes decisions on other issues that fall within the purview of the supreme governing bodies of non-profit organizations under the legislation of the Russian Federation.
10. The powers of the Foundation's Supervisory Board may not be transferred to the Foundation's other governing bodies.
11. Meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are convened at least once every six months by its Chairperson or another member of the Foundation's Supervisory Board duly authorized by the Chairperson of the Foundation's Supervisory Board. Meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board may also be convened at the initiative of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission or of the audit company conducting the mandatory audit of the Foundation's annual accounting (financial) report.
12. Meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are held by its Chairperson, or, in the Chairperson's absence, by another member of the Foundation duly authorized by the Chairperson of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
13. The Foundation's Supervisory Board has the power to make decisions if no fewer than half of the members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are present at the meeting. The decisions of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are adopted by a simple majority of the total number of members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board present at the meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the person chairing the meeting of the Foundation's Supervisory Board has the deciding vote.
14. Minutes of meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are signed by the person chairing the meeting of the Foundation's Supervisory Board. Dissenting opinions of the members of the Foundation's Supervisory Board who were in the minority when a vote was taken is recorded in the minutes upon their request.

15. The Foundation's Supervisory Board has the right to make decisions without convening a meeting of the Foundation's Supervisory Board by holding an absentee vote in accordance with the procedure established by the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

16. The Secretary of the Foundation's Supervisory Board appointed by the Foundation's Supervisory Board from among the Foundation's employees is responsible for organizing and holding the meetings, arranging absentee voting, maintaining the paperwork and ensuring the minutes of meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board are stored in the correct manner.

## **Article 12. The Foundation's Management Board**

1. The Foundation's Management Board is the Foundation's collegiate executive body and it manages all day-to-day activities of the Foundation except the resolution of questions that the present Federal Law places within the purview of the Foundation's other governing bodies.

2. The Foundation's Management Board is steered by the Foundation's Director General, who is a member of the Foundation's Management Board ex officio.

3. The Foundation's Management Board has up to six members. Members of the Foundation's Management Board are appointed and dismissed by the Foundation's Supervisory Board upon recommendation of the Foundation's Director General. Members of the Foundation's Management Board are full-time employees of the Foundation. The amount of remuneration for the members of the Foundation's Management Board and (or) of reimbursement for the expenses they have incurred is approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

4. The Foundation's Management Board is guided in its activities by the present Federal Law and the statute of the Foundation's Management Board that determines the timeframe and procedure for convening and holding its meetings.

5. The Foundation's Management Board exercises the following powers:

1) It develops the draft plan of the Foundation's three-year programme of activities and submits it for approval by the Foundation's Supervisory Board; it drafts annual proposals on adjusting the abovementioned plan and submits them for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

2) It develops draft procedures and competitive selection criteria for programmes and projects and establishes the procedure for expert assessment of programmes and projects submitted for competition; it submits the abovementioned projects for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

3) It makes the decision on announcing the competitive selection of programmes and projects in accordance with the Foundation's three-year programme of activities and approves the outcomes of the competitive selection.

4) It develops draft three-year financial projects of revenues and expenditures (budgets) and submits them for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board; it drafts annual proposals on adjusting this plan and submits them for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

5) It develops draft procedures for monitoring the implementation of the Foundation's three-year programme of activities and the implementation of the programmes and projects financed by the Foundation and submits the abovementioned projects for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

6) It drafts the Foundation's annual report and submits it for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

7) It handles the logistics of holding the meetings of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

- 8) It develops the draft statute of the Foundation's Management Board and submits it for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 9) It develops the draft statute of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission and draft decisions on the appointment (or termination) of the chairperson and members of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission, and submits the abovementioned drafts for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 10) It develops the draft statute of the Foundation's Expert Councils and submits it for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 11) It drafts proposals on the list and composition of the Foundation's expert councils, nominates their chairs and submits these proposals for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 12) It develops draft statutes of the Foundation's branches and representative offices and submits them for approval to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 13) It drafts proposals on the caps for temporarily disposable funds to be invested by the Foundation and submits the proposals for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 14) It makes decisions on investing the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds.
- 15) It organizes the competitive selection of an audit company to perform the mandatory annual audit of the Foundation's annual accounting (financial) report and also drafts proposals on the amount of remuneration for the organization's services and submits the proposals for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 16) It drafts other proposals intended to achieve the objectives of the Foundation as defined in the present Federal Law and submits them for consideration to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 17) It exercises other powers stipulated in the statute of the Foundation's Management Board or in the decisions of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.

### **Article 13. The Foundation's Director General**

1. The Foundation's Director General is the sole executive body of the Foundation and manages its day-to-day activities.
2. The Foundation's Director General is appointed and terminated by the President of the Russian Federation upon the recommendation of the Foundation's Supervisory Board. The Foundation's Director General is appointed for a term of no longer than five years.
3. The Foundation's Director General may not simultaneously serve as the Chairperson of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
4. The Foundation's Director General:
  - 1) Acts on behalf of the Foundation and represents the Foundation's interests without a power of attorney in relations with the federal authorities, the authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation, local self-governing authorities, Russian and foreign organizations, international organizations and individuals.
  - 2) Heads the Foundation's Management Board and ensures the implementation of the decisions of Foundation's Supervisory and Management boards.
  - 3) Issues orders and instructions on the Foundation's activities.
  - 4) Appoints and terminates the Director's deputies, who are full-time employees of the Foundation and delegates duties among them.

- 5) In coordination with the Foundation's Supervisory Board, the Director General approves:
  - a) the Foundation's organizational structure, the staff schedule and amendments thereto;
  - b) employee salaries and forms of payment;
  - c) the amount of remuneration for experts who are members of the Foundation's expert councils;
  - d) the amount of remuneration for science and technology professionals.
- 6) Appoints and dismissed the Foundation's employees, concludes and terminates labour agreements with them, amends labour agreements in accordance with the labour legislation and other statutory instruments that contain legal provisions on labour.
- 7) Issues powers of attorney, opens bank accounts in the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and lending institutions in the Russian Federation according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.
- 8) Submits proposals on the appointment and dismissal of members of the Foundation's Management Board to the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 9) Makes decisions on involving science and technology professionals in the work of the Foundation's expert councils.
- 10) Ensures supervision of compliance with the decisions of the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
- 11) Makes decisions on other issues of the Foundation's activities, with the exception of issues that fall within the purview of the Foundation's Supervisory and Management boards.

#### **Article 14. The Foundation's Internal Audit Commission**

1. The Foundation's Internal Audit Commission is set up to supervise the Foundation's financial and economic activities.
2. The procedure for the activities of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission is determined by the present Federal Law and the statute of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission. The statute of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission is approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
3. Decisions on the appointment of the Chairperson and the members of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission, as well as on the termination (including pre-term termination) of their powers, are adopted by the Foundation's Supervisory Board. The term of office for members of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission is no longer than five years. Members of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission may not simultaneously hold any other offices in other bodies of the Foundation.
4. The Foundation's Internal Audit Commission:
  - 1) Confirms the reliability of the information contained in the Foundation's annual report.
  - 2) Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of the Foundation's use of its finances and other assets.
  - 3) Monitors decisions on the Foundation's financial and economic activities adopted by the Foundation's Management Board for compliance with the present Federal Law and other statutory instruments of the Russian Federation.
  - 4) Drafts recommendations for the Foundation's Management Board on developing the Foundation's draft three-year financial plan of revenues and expenses (budget) and making amendments to it.

5) Handles other issues that come within the purview of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission in accordance with the statute of the Foundation's Internal Audit Commission.

#### **Article 15. The Foundation's Expert Councils**

1. The Foundation's expert councils are standing advisory bodies of the Foundation established in accordance with the procedure outlined in the statute of the Foundation's expert councils for the purposes of academic, methodological and expert support for the Foundation's activities in connection with the competitive selection of programmes and projects and with monitoring the implementation of programmes and projects financed by the Foundation.

2. The composition of the Foundation's expert councils and their chairpersons are approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board upon the recommendation of the Foundation's Management Board.

3. The Foundation's expert councils:

1) prepare proposals on draft procedure and the criteria for the competitive selection of programmes and projects.

2) review the programmes and projects (and other related materials) submitted to the competition; carry out expert assessments of Foundation-financed programmes and projects at every stage of their implementation.

3) draft recommendations on the amount of financing for programmes and projects that have been competitively selected.

4. The Foundation's expert councils submit proposals, the results of expert assessments and recommendations provided for in Part 3 of the present article to the Foundation's Management Board

5. Additional science and technology professionals may be involved in the work of the Foundation's expert councils; the decision on their involvement is made by the Foundation's Director General upon the suggestion of the Foundation's expert councils. The procedures for involving science and technology professionals in the work of the Foundation's expert councils and the professionals' powers are established in the statute of the Foundation's expert councils.

### **Chapter 4. Reports and Audits of the Foundation**

#### **Article 16. The Foundation's Reports**

1. The Foundation maintains financial accounting and submits accounting (financial) and statistical reporting in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. The Foundation is mandated to compile its annual report for the period starting on January 1 and ending on December 31 (inclusively) of the calendar year.

3. The Foundation's annual report includes:

1) A report on fulfilling the Foundation's three-year programme of activities;

2) An annual accounting (financial) report of the Foundation;

3) A report on using the Foundation's assets;

4) A report on investing the Foundation's temporarily disposable funds;

- 5) Other information on the Foundation's compliance with the effective Federal Law.
4. The Foundation's annual report is approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board no later than May 1 of the year following the reporting period.
5. The Foundation's annual report, together with the auditors' findings on the reliability of the annual accounting (financial) report of the Foundation, is submitted to the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation no later than seven calendar days after its approval by the Foundation's Supervisory Board.
6. The Foundation's annual report, together with the auditors' findings on the reliability of the annual accounting (financial) report of the Foundation, is uploaded to the internet with due consideration given to the requirements of the legislation of the Russian Federation on national security matters and commercial secrets no later than two weeks after the Foundation's Supervisory Board made the decision to approve the annual report.

#### **Article 17. Auditing the Foundation's Accounting (Financial) Report**

1. The audit company approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board performs mandatory auditing of the Foundation's annual accounting (financial) report prior to the report being approved by the Foundation's Supervisory Board. The auditors' findings on the reliability of the annual accounting (financial) report of the Foundation must be publicized with due consideration given to requirements of Part 6 of Article 16 of the present Federal Law.
2. The Foundation's Supervisory Board has the right to decide to have an unscheduled audit of the Foundation's accounting (financial) report on terms established in Part 1 of the present article.

### **Chapter 5. Concluding Provisions**

#### **Article 18. Procedure for the State Registration of the Foundation**

1. The state registration of the Foundation is performed in accordance with the present Federal Law within sixty days of the day of its official publication (without the submission of additional paperwork), except for information on the Foundation's location in the city of Moscow, which is determined in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Part 3 of the present article.
2. The Foundation's bodies are established in accordance with the procedure stipulated in the present Federal Law within three months of the day of its official publication.
3. With due consideration given to the timeframe set in Part 1 of the present article, the Government of the Russian Federation:
  - 1) Determines the amount and composition of assets (including real estate assets) subject to being recorded as the primary asset contribution of the Russian Federation intended to establish the assets of the Foundation and ensures the transfer of such assets to the Foundation.
  - 2) Determines the location of the Foundation in Moscow.
  - 3) Performs other actions with the purpose of establishing the Foundation.

#### **Article 19. Reorganization or Liquidation of the Foundation**

The Foundation may be reorganized or liquidated in accordance with the Federal Law that establishes the procedure for such activity. The Federal Law on the liquidation of the Foundation should establish the procedure for the use of the Foundation's assets following its liquidation.

**Article 20. On Amending the Federal Law "On Science and the State Policies in Science and Technology"**

Part 1 of Article 2 of Federal Law No. 127-FZ "On Science and the State Policies in Science and Technology" dated August 23, 1996 (Collection of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 1996, No. 35, col. 4137; 2009, No. 1, col. 17; 2011, No. 30, col. 4597, 4602) is to be amended by inserting the following:

"exploratory research means research that is intended to gain new knowledge with a view to its subsequent practical application (targeted research) and (or) with a view to using new knowledge (applied research) and that is conducted by carrying out research work."

**Article 21. On Amending the Federal Law "On the Privatization of State and Municipal Property"**

Paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Federal Law No. 17-FZ "On the Privatization of state and Municipal Property" dated December 21, 2001 (Collection of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2002, No. 4, col. 251; 2005, No. № 25, col. 2425; 2006, No 2, col. 172; 2007, No. 49, col. 6079; 2008, No. 20, col. 2253; No. 30, col. 3615, 3617; 2010, No. 23, col. 2788; 2011, No. 29, col. 4292; No. 30, col. 4568) is to be amended by inserting Subparagraph 16 that reads:

"16) of the assets transferred to the ownership of the Russian Science Foundation as an asset contribution of the Russian Federation."

**Article 22. Entry into Force of the Present Federal Law**

The present Federal Law will enter into force on the day of its official publication.

President of the Russian Federation

Vladimir Putin

Moscow, Kremlin, November 2, 2013, No. 291-FZ