

CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE RUSSIA DONORS FORUM

This document summarises the basic ethical principles governing the activities of Members of the Russia Donors' Forum. Some of these principles are covered by existing legislation, others go beyond the existing legal framework. The document also sets out basic standards for behaviour and relations with the public.

Members of the Russian Donors' Forum agree to:

- Use the resources which they control for the socially beneficial aims for which they are designated;
- Define their mission, aims and programs clearly and make them publicly known;
- Strive to achieve maximum transparency in their activities;
- Strive to keep administrative costs to a reasonable minimum;
- Regularly publish reports on their activities, including financial data;
- Remain aware of and comply with the legal responsibilities of grantmakers.

Within grantmaking programs and in accordance with their mission, status, and aims, Members agree to:

- Ensure that decision making on grant applications is established on a clear and logical basis, including appropriate control and oversight, and followed in a manner consistent with the organization's policies;
- Ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to avoid improper conflict of interest arising for those involved in decision-making;
- Respect the confidentiality of applicants, grantees and donors and use discretion in communicating with others about specific organizations and individuals;
- Treat grantees and colleagues with respect and abide by the principles of tolerance and non-discrimination;
- Encourage grantees to remain aware of and comply with their legal responsibilities.