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Section 1.

(1) A fund for the provision of benefits to the victims of National Socialism shall be established at the National Council. It shall bear the title “National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism”.

(2) It shall be the objective of the Fund to express the special responsibility towards the victims of National Socialism.

(3) The Fund shall be a separate legal entity and shall exclusively serve non-profit purposes. It shall be exempt from all taxes and other fiscal charges.

Section 2.

(1) The Fund shall render benefits to persons

1. who were persecuted by the Nazi regime on political grounds, on grounds of origin, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, on grounds of a physical or mental handicap or on grounds of accusations of so-called asociality, or who in some other way fell victim to typically Nazi injustice or left the country to escape such persecution, and
2. who

- (a) were citizens of the Federal Republic of Austria and were domiciled in Austria on 13 March 1938, or
- (b) had been permanently domiciled in Austria for a period of approximately ten years as per 13 March 1938, or were born as children of such persons in Austria within that period, or
- (c) lost their status as citizens of the Federal Republic of Austria or their place of residence of at least approximately ten years before 13 March 1938 because they left the country due to the imminent march of the German Armed Forces into Austria, or
- (d) who were born before 9 May 1945, as children of such persons in concentration camps or under comparable circumstances in Austria.

(2) In particular, benefits shall be rendered to persons who have not received any or only insufficient benefits, who require special assistance, or to people for whom assistance appears to be warranted on the basis of their circumstances.

(3) The Fund may also support projects which benefit the victims of National Socialism, contribute to scientific research on National Socialism and the fate of its victims, recall Nazi injustice or preserve the memory of its victims.

(4) The Fund may support:

1. Persons who, in accordance with Section 26 of the Volunteers Act, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 17/2012](#), are performing memorial service, or who, in accordance with Section 26 of the Volunteers Act in conjunction with Section 12c (1) item 1 of the Civilian Service Act, [Federal Law Gazette no. 679/1986](#), are completing the memorial service as an alternative to civilian service, up to a maximum amount of 400 euros per person per month;
2. Persons paying fees for the graves of survivors of National Socialism from the Roma and Sinti communities, in the amount of 50 percent of the grave fees;
3. The implementation, by OeAD GmbH or other comparable institutions, of international exchange programmes for school pupils and apprentices to raise awareness of Jewish life, intercultural exchange and the dangers of antisemitism;
4. The implementation of projects by existing institutions that enable school pupils and apprentices to gain a better understanding of the lives of the descendants of victims of National Socialism, such as Roma and Sinti.

(5) Applications pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4) items 1 and 2 shall be submitted by individuals, and applications pursuant to paragraph (4) items 3 and 4 shall be submitted by the respective institution via the internet platform that is to be established for this purpose by the Fund. Upon completion of projects funded pursuant to

paragraph (3), project organisers are obliged to report to the Fund in writing on the project and the use of the funds. Persons funded under paragraph (4) item 1 and the institutions under paragraph (4) items 3 and 4 are obliged to report in writing to the Fund on the performance of their activities and the experience gained therefrom, and on the funded projects. The Fund's project funding practices for projects under paragraphs (3) and (4) shall be evaluated annually by the Board of Trustees. Further provisions on this evaluation will be issued in the Guidelines pursuant to paragraph (7).

(6) All decisions of the Committee regarding the award of one-off or recurring payments must be explained in writing to the applicants and the Board of Trustees in a readily comprehensible manner, with reference to statutory provisions and the provisions of the Guidelines (paragraph (7)).

(7) More detailed provisions concerning one-off or recurring payments pursuant to Section 2 shall be laid down in the Fund's Guidelines.

(8) To ensure that the Fund is able to adopt multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches in the performance of its tasks, the Board of Trustees shall, on the recommendation of the Committee, define in the Guidelines pursuant to paragraph (7) thematic priorities for a period of one or more years for the granting of funding pursuant to paragraph (3). In this case, it must also determine what proportion of the funds available for project funding (paragraph (3)) is to be allocated to the respective funding priorities, whereby this proportion must amount to at least 30 % and no more than 50 % of the available funds. The Fund's practice regarding the setting of priorities is to be evaluated annually by the Board of Trustees. Further provisions regarding this evaluation shall be issued in the Guidelines pursuant to paragraph (7).

Section 2a.

(1) Further, the Fund has the following tasks:

1. The monetisation of the art objects transferred to the Fund pursuant to Section 2 (1) item 2 of the Federal Act on the Restitution of Art Objects from the Austrian Federal Museums and Collections, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 181/1998](#);
2. the disbursement of the monetisation proceeds under item 1 to natural persons who suffered damage to their health or loss of freedom, assets or income as a result of Nazi persecution that directly targeted them, provided they are of Austrian origin, were expelled from Austria or have a comparable connection to Austria;

3. the disbursement of payments to persons cited in item 2 from monies pursuant to the Federal Law on Allocations to the International Fund for Victims of National Socialism, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 182/1998](#);
4. the handling of the administrative tasks of the Fund for the Restoration of the Jewish Cemeteries in Austria pursuant to Section 4 of the Federal Law on the Establishment of a Fund for the Restoration of the Jewish Cemeteries in Austria, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 99/2010](#);
5. the endowment of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation and the renovation of the building that houses the Austrian exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial (Section 2c), the coordination of the renewal of this exhibition and the guaranteed operation thereof, and management of the previous exhibition. The Federation [Bund] shall provide the administrative support needed to complete these tasks;
6. the provision of support and advice to victims of National Socialism (in particular persons pursuant to Section 2 (1)) and their kin;
7. the promotion and dissemination of knowledge about National Socialism, its consequences and the fate of its victims, and the preservation of the memory of the victims, particularly by:
 - a) systematically recording the procedural and persecution-related documentation produced by the National Fund and General Settlement Fund;
 - b) collecting and documenting autobiographical testimonies by victims of National Socialism;
 - c) providing and communicating information about National Socialism and compensation and restitution measures to the public and facilitating access to the relevant materials;
 - d) responding to inquiries relating to National Socialism and its consequences in Austria;
 - e) cooperating with national and international organisations and institutions engaged in research into and the dissemination of knowledge about National Socialism, its aftermath and consequences, and the fate of its victims, as well as in preserving the memory of the victims and related prevention work; and with institutions in the primary, secondary and tertiary education sectors;
8. awarding the Simon Wiesenthal Prize (Section 2e);
9. work relating to the upkeep of the Shoah Wall of Names Memorial and the associated administrative tasks, insofar as these do not fall under the remit of the City of Vienna;

10. promoting the ongoing exchange of information and cooperation with organisations and institutions as referred to under item 7 letter e, in particular by providing a suitable platform;
11. receiving the reports referred to in Section 2 (5), which must be taken into account in the report referred to in Section 4 (7);
12. the planning, construction and maintenance of a memorial to the victims of National Socialism from the Roma and Sinti communities, provided that these tasks are not carried out by other local authorities. Representatives of the Roma and Sinti communities must be adequately involved in the performance of these tasks.

(2) The funds pursuant to paragraph (1) items 1 to 3 may also be used for projects providing assistance and support to victims of National Socialism, in particular projects which provide assistance to communities deeply affected by Nazi persecution.

(3) The funds pursuant to paragraph (1) items 1 to 3 are not to be used to make payments already rendered under to Section 2.

(4) The funds pursuant to paragraph (1) item 4 are to be administered within a separate account.

(5) The documentation referred to in paragraph (1) item 7 letters a and b shall, where possible, occur in digital form. For scientific or historical research purposes, access may be granted on a case-by-case basis if

1. there is a public interest in the research which outweighs the legitimate interests of the data subjects, and
2. it is ensured that the personal data held by the person responsible for the research is processed only by individuals with the relevant specialist knowledge and research experience who are bound by a statutory duty of confidentiality in relation to the subject matter of the research, or whose reliability in this regard can otherwise be credibly demonstrated.

(6) The archiving of the documentation referred to in paragraph (1) item 7 letters a and b shall be carried out in cooperation with the Archives of the Parliamentary Directorate.

(7) In order to inform the public about the performance of its duties, the Fund shall hold an annual conference in which all organisations and institutions operating on Austrian federal territory that are active in the dissemination of knowledge about National Socialism, its aftermath and consequences, and the fate of its victims, as well as in preserving the memory of the victims and related prevention work, shall be entitled to participate.

Section 2b.

(1) Notwithstanding the allocations pursuant to Section 7, the Federation [Bund] allocates and disburses to the Fund an additional amount in schillings equivalent to 150 million US dollars as per 24 October 2000. This amount is to be administered within a separate account and used for payments under paragraph (2).

(2) This amount is to be used to make payments to victims of National Socialism as defined by paragraph (3) in order to conclusively settle losses of assets in the following categories:

- a) Tenancy rights for apartments and commercial business premises;
- b) Household effects;
- c) Personal valuables

The restitution of art objects on the basis of statutory provisions is not affected by this Federal Law.

(3) Persons as defined by Section 2 (1) item 2, who were persecuted by the Nazi regime for political reasons, on grounds of origin, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, on grounds of a physical or mental handicap or on grounds of the accusation of so called asociality or who left the country to escape such persecution and who suffered losses personally or whose parents suffered a loss of assets in one of the categories mentioned in paragraph (2) due to or in connection with events having occurred between 13 March 1938 and 9 May 1945 on the territory of the present day Republic of Austria are eligible to receive a payment. There is no legal right to payments from the Fund.

(4) The Fund may grant payments in the same amount, according to the available means (paragraph (5)), to persons who, or whose parents, do not fulfil the criteria under Section 2 (1) item 2 letters b and c with regard to the duration of residency or under letter d regarding a birthplace in Austria if all other requirements for eligibility pursuant to paragraph (3) are met (hardship cases). More detailed requirements for the granting of such benefits are to be set out in the Guidelines of the Fund (Section 2 (4)).

(5) In order to receive a payment, eligibility pursuant to paragraph (3) must be established on the basis of documentation that is possessed by the Fund at the time of the entry into force of this Federal Law or otherwise adequately substantiated before the Fund within a period of one year after the entry into force of this Federal Law. The Board of Trustees may permit an extension of the deadline until no later than 31 December 2004.

(6) The sum as defined in paragraph (1) is to be distributed among the eligible persons in equal shares. The disbursement of the payments shall commence immediately upon the entry into force of this Federal Law. In order to ensure the payments to all eligible persons are equal in amount, up to 5 % of the sum as defined in paragraph (1) may be held back. Should this amount not be required or only partially required

- a) by one year after the entry into force of this Federal Law or
- b) after the expiry of the deadline as extended by the Board of Trustees pursuant to paragraph (5)

the remaining amount is also to be distributed among the eligible persons in equal shares. Any residue shall be used for programmes benefitting victims of National Socialism.

(7) The disbursement of a payment pursuant to Section 2b of this Federal Law is subject to the requirement that upon receipt of the payment pursuant to this Federal Law the recipient submit a declaration waiving the assertion of all personal claims and those of his/her heirs against the Republic of Austria, Austrian enterprises as defined by Section 5 (2) of the Federal Law on the Fund for Voluntary Payments from the Republic of Austria to Former Slave and Forced Laborers of the National Socialist Regime (Reconciliation Fund Law), [Federal Law Gazette I no. 74/2000](#) (excepting such directed against the *Dorotheum Auktions-, Versatz- und Bank-Gesellschaft m.b.H.*) and against citizens of the Republic of Austria, for losses suffered in one of the categories cited in paragraph (2) due to or in connection with events having occurred between 13 March 1938 and 9 May 1945 on the territory of the present day Republic of Austria.

(8) Should the eligible person have passed away on or prior to 24 October 2000, his/her heirs shall act in his/her place in accordance with the applicable national laws.

(9) Claims to payments pursuant to Section 2b expire after a period of five years from the date of their award by the Committee; however, no earlier than 31 December 2017.

Section 2c.

(1) Notwithstanding the payments rendered pursuant to Section 7, the Federation shall render a payment of six million euros for the renovation and maintenance of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial. This sum shall be used to endow the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation and to refurbish the building housing the Austrian permanent exhibition at the Memorial.

(2) The Fund shall conclude an Endowment Agreement with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation that in particular sets out the amounts and the dates payable of the endowment instalments, taking account of the cost of the refurbishment of the building cited in paragraph (1); the basic premises for investing the monies, determined in consensus with the Federal Financing Agency Ltd.; and fitting Austrian representation on the committees of the Foundation.

(3) The Fund shall conclude agreements on the refurbishment of the building cited in paragraph (1), which in particular set out adequate control rights for the Fund within the scope of the refurbishment.

(Note: Paragraph (4) repealed by item 3, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 143/2017](#))

(5) The payment by the Federation to the Fund pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be remitted to the Fund in instalments in keeping with the actual requirements; it is to be administered by the Fund within a separate account.

Section 2d.

The National Fund may accept allocations for the granting of benefits to victims of National Socialism and for the support of projects pursuant to paragraph (2) from any legal entity and may to this end conclude contracts in which particularly the nature of the payments and projects shall be set out.

Section 2e.

(1) Notwithstanding the allocations provided for in Section 7, the Federation shall allocate to the Fund an annual sum of 30,000 euros for the Simon Wiesenthal Prize. The Simon Wiesenthal Prize shall be awarded once a year to up to three individuals or groups in recognition of their outstanding civic engagement to combat antisemitism and educate the public about the Holocaust.

(2) The call for entries for the Simon Wiesenthal Prize must be published on the Fund's website for a period of at least four weeks. Entries must be submitted electronically to the body specified in the call for entries, with the date of submission being the date on which the entry is received by that body. The submission must state the reasons why the candidate is considered a worthy prize winner. Candidates can submit an entry on their own behalf; the nomination of other candidates is also permitted.

(3) Once the submission period has closed, the entries received must be forwarded to the Members of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury (Section 2f). The Jury must evaluate the entries within four weeks and submit a written shortlist of potential prize winners to the Board of Trustees. The shortlist may include up to five candidates, together with a

ranking of those candidates, and must be accompanied by the reasons for their selection.

(4) Once the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury has submitted its shortlist, the Members of the Board of Trustees can examine the entries. The Board of Trustees shall choose the prize winners from the shortlist submitted by the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury.

(5) The entry documents received, as well as the deliberations of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury and the Board of Trustees, are confidential.

(6) The Simon Wiesenthal Prize shall be awarded and the certificates presented to the winners in a ceremony held at the Parliament. The Simon Wiesenthal Prize is annually endowed with 30,000 euros, with 15,000 euros going to the Main Prize winner and 7,500 euros each to the other prize winners.

(7) As part of the ceremony referred to in the first sentence of paragraph (6), the Chair of the Board of Trustees may, on the recommendation of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury,

1. pay special tribute to individuals for their outstanding civic engagement to combat antisemitism and educate the public about the Holocaust, and
2. pay special tribute to active eyewitnesses of Nazi tyranny

(8) The Fund shall maintain a list of all recipients of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize and of all persons honoured in accordance with paragraph (7), and shall publish this list on its website.

Section 2f.

(1) The Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury shall consist of:

1. A Chair
2. Five further Members, one of whom shall be a direct descendant of Simon Wiesenthal, after whom the prize is named. The other Members that must be appointed are
 - a) the President of the Jewish Religious Community in Austria, who may send a representative if unable to attend,
 - b) recognised figures from public or cultural life in Austria or abroad, or
 - c) persons with an academic reputation in the field of contemporary history or in another relevant academic discipline.

(2) The Members of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees for the duration of a legislative period. They shall remain in office until new Members are appointed. Reappointments are permitted. If a Member leaves office

prematurely, the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury shall be joined by a new Member for the remainder of the term of office.

(3) Members serve on the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury in an honorary capacity. Members are entitled to the reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses, as well as out-of-pocket expenses, in accordance with the Travel Expenses Regulations 1955 ([Federal Law Gazette no. 133/1955](#)), as amended.

(4) The Chair is responsible for convening meetings and coordinating the work of the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury. The Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury takes its decisions by a two-thirds majority, although every effort should be made to reach a unanimous decision. A quorum exists when the Chair and at least two other Members are present.

(5) The Board of Trustees may adopt rules of procedure for the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury, setting out detailed provisions that ensure that the Simon Wiesenthal Prize Jury is able to duly carry out the tasks entrusted to it.

Section 3.

(1) The organs of the Fund shall be the Board of Trustees (Section 4), the Committee (Section 5) and the Managing Board (Section 6).

(2) In its outside dealings, the Fund shall be represented by the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

(3) The benefits rendered by the Fund are granted within the federal government's private sector administration.

(4) (Constitutional provision) The Fund shall be administered under the auspices of the Chair of the Board of Trustees by the Parliamentary Directorate. The President of the National Council shall, upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, make the necessary staff available to the Fund. In carrying out their duties for the Fund, the staff of the Parliamentary Directorate shall be bound by the instructions of the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The Fund may equally delegate the processing of benefits awarded by it to the Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection.

Section 4. (Constitutional provision)

(1) The Board of Trustees shall be the supreme organ of the Fund. In particular, its tasks shall include:

1. Promulgation of the Rules of Procedure of the Fund.
2. Promulgation of the Guidelines of the Fund concerning the granting of benefits.
3. Adoption of the Financial Regulations.

4. Definition of the benefits to be decided by the Committee.
5. Decisions concerning benefits if these decisions are not delegated to the Committee.
6. Adoption of resolutions concerning the investment of the assets of the Fund.
7. Monitoring of the use of the assets of the Fund in keeping with their purpose.
8. Approval of the statement of accounts.
9. The preparation of a recommendation for the appointment of the Members of the Managing Board (Section 6 (2)), including, where appropriate, a ranking of the candidates following a hearing.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall have the following Members:

1. The Presidents of the National Council,
2. the Federal Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, the Federal Minister of Finance and the Federal Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs (or suitably appointed representatives of the respective governmental department),
3. twelve other Members to be elected by the Main Committee of the National Council.

(3) The Members to be elected by the Main Committee shall be selected from the Members of the National Council and the Federal Council including former Members of the National Council and the Federal Council, other distinguished figures from Austrian public, cultural and academic life, and representatives of the victims concerned; they shall be elected for one legislative period. They shall remain in office until the election of new Members.

(4) The President of the National Council shall be the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He may be represented by the Second or Third President of the National Council in specific or all agendas; in such cases, the duties falling within the scope of the representation are delegated to the representative. The Board of Trustees shall pass its resolutions with a two-thirds majority in the presence of at least half of its Members.

(4a) The Main Committee may, on the proposal of a majority of the current or former Members of the National Council or the Federal Council who are Members of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 4 (2) item 3, elect the Second President of the National Council as Chair of the Board of Trustees. In this case, all duties shall pass to the elected Chair of the Board of Trustees; the first and second sentences of paragraph 4 shall not apply. The Main Committee shall also elect a deputy for the Chair of the Board of Trustees elected in accordance with the first sentence from among the Members of the Board of Trustees.

(4b) Upon a renewed proposal by a majority of the current or former Members of the National Council or the Federal Council who are Members of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 4 (2) item 3, the Main Committee may elect the Third President of the National Council as Chair of the Board of Trustees. In this case, all duties shall pass to the Chair of the Board of Trustees thus elected; the first and second sentences of paragraph (4) and paragraph (4a) shall not apply. The Main Committee shall also elect a deputy for the Chair of the Board of Trustees elected in accordance with the first sentence from among the Members of the Board of Trustees.

(5) The Board of Trustees may decide to consult representatives of the victims concerned or other informants for certain decisions.

(6) Before adopting guidelines on the granting of benefits, the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall seek to obtain a statement by the Federal Minister of Finance.

(7) The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall submit a report on each business year to the Main Committee of the National Council.

Section 5. (Constitutional provision)

(1) The Members of the Committee shall include:

1. The Chair of the Board of Trustees or a representative designated by him/her in the capacity of Chair, another Member designated by the Board of Trustees in the capacity of Deputy Chair as well as three other Members to be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees with the approval of the Main Committee of the National Council.
2. An expert appointed by the President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences; two individuals with an academic or artistic-academic reputation in the fields of contemporary history, museum education or (subject-specific) didactics, appointed by the Austrian Universities Conference; and one individual appointed by the Austrian National Committee of the International Council of Museums.

The Members of the Committee referred to under item 2 shall be appointed for a term of five years; they shall remain in office until new Members are appointed. They may be reappointed once.

(2) The Committee shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure, which must, in particular, govern the convening and conduct of meetings, the possible participation of third parties, the taking of minutes, the option of holding meetings by telephone or video conference, and the possibility of delegating voting rights. The Committee shall

constitute a quorum if at least half of its Members are present and shall take decisions by a two-thirds majority; abstentions are not permitted.

(3) Within the scope of its competences (Section 4 (1) item 4), the Committee shall decide on the granting of benefits. It receives all applications for support submitted via the Fund's online platform and, after reviewing them, submits them to the Board of Trustees.

(4) The Committee shall draw up proposals to set priorities regarding content (Section 2 (8)), which shall be forwarded to the Board of Trustees via the Chair of the Board of Trustees to decide on.

(5) At each meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Committee (or his/her deputy) shall report to the Board of Trustees on the decisions taken in the meantime by the Committee.

Section 6.

(1) The Managing Board shall support the Chair of the Board of Trustees in the administration of the Fund and shall prepare the resolution and decisions of the Board of Trustees and the Committee.

(2) The Managing Board consists of two Members. These Members must possess the necessary knowledge of the Nazi era and its aftermath, the necessary managerial skills, and sufficient leadership experience. The Members of the Managing Board shall remain in office until new Members are appointed; reappointments are permitted under the same conditions as appointments (paragraph 3). Section 20 of the Civil Service Act 1979 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(3) (Constitutional provision) The Members of the Managing Board shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees for a term of five years following a public call for applications, on the basis of a recommendation by the Board of Trustees and with the approval of the Main Committee of the National Council, whereby the application documents of all candidates must be submitted to the Members of the Main Committee and the Main Committee shall grant its approval in the presence of at least half of its Members and by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

(4) The Members of the Managing Board may not be Members of the Federal Government, State Secretaries, Members of a provincial government, Members of the National Council, the Federal Council or any other general representative body, or officials of a political party; nor may the Members of the Managing Board must have held any of these positions in the past four years.

(5) The Members of the Managing Board must carry out their duties with the diligence expected of prudent businesspeople. They must act in a manner that is cost-effective, economically sound and fit-for-purpose.

(6) The Members of the Managing Board may only act jointly and must proceed by mutual agreement when carrying out the duties of the Board. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall have the casting vote. The Managing Board shall decide on the internal allocation of duties.

(7) The Managing Board must draw up a distribution of tasks for the Fund and bring it to the attention of the Board of Trustees before a decision on it is taken. The plan must be approved by the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

(8) The Managing Board shall report to the Members of the Board of Trustees in writing on a quarterly basis, through the Chair, in advance of all planned measures and retrospectively on all measures that have been implemented. These reports shall be published in an appropriate manner. The Members of the Board of Trustees shall be given the opportunity to comment. In addition, the Members of the Board of Trustees may submit proposals regarding measures to the Managing Board.

(9) The Managing Board is also responsible for maintaining links with victims of National Socialism living abroad and their descendants.

Section 7.

(1) The payments of the Federal Republic to the Fund shall be effected as provided by the annual Federal Finance Act; the President of the National Council shall prepare the preliminary budget on the basis of a joint proposal made by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees and shall submit this preliminary budget, together with all appendices and explanatory notes, to the Federal Minister of Finance. The payments shall be remitted to the Fund in partial amounts in keeping with the actual requirements.

(2) The following exemptions shall apply:

1. Payments made by the Fund shall be exempt from income tax.
2. Gratuitous transfers made to the Fund shall be exempt from inheritance and gift tax.
3. The legal transactions necessary to discharge the tasks of the Fund shall be exempt from legal charges.

Section 7a.

(1) The Fund is entitled to inspect documents held by public authorities and other public bodies and to obtain information from public authorities and other public bodies that is necessary for the performance of the tasks assigned to it by law. For this purpose, personal data, including special categories of personal data, may also be provided to the Fund. Information may only be withheld if specific statutory provisions preclude its disclosure.

(2) The Fund is entitled to process personal data, including special categories of personal data, for the purpose of carrying out the tasks assigned to it by law.

Section 8.

(1) This Federal Law shall come into force on 27 April 1995.

(2) (Constitutional provision) Section 2b as amended by the Federal Law, [Federal Law Gazette I no. 11/2001](#) shall come into force as soon as the government of the United States of America and the Austrian Federal government have consented that the monetary payments defined in Section 2b of this Federal Law are to be considered “within the realms of legal possibility” in the spirit of the Agreement between the Austrian Federal government and the government of the United States of America on the Fund “Reconciliation, Peace and Cooperation (Reconciliation Fund)” for losses suffered by the eligible persons in the categories cited in paragraph (2) due to or in connection with events having occurred between 13 March 1938 and 9 May 1945 on the territory of present day Austria. The Austrian Federal Government shall announce the date of the entry into force of this Federal Law in Federal Law Gazette I.

(3) Section 2a (1) item 5, Section 2c and Section 2d, as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I no. 128/2011](#) shall enter into force on 1 January 2012.

(4) Section 2b (6) and Section 2b (9) as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I no. 9/2013](#) shall enter into force on 1 January 2013.

(5) Section 2a (1) item 5, Section 2a (1) items 6 and 7, and Section 2c as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I no. 143/2017](#) shall enter into force on 15 October 2017.

(6) Section 2a (1), Section 2e, Section 2f and Section 7a, as amended by the Federal Act published in the Federal Law Gazette I no. 94/2020, shall enter into force on 1 September 2020.

(7) Section 2 (4) to (8), Section 2a (1) items 7 and 9 to 12, Section 2a (5) to (7), Section 2e (7) and (8), Section 3 (1), Section 6 (1) and (2) as well as (4) to (9), and Section 7a (1), as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I](#)

[no. 157/2023](#) shall enter into force on 1 January 2024. Section 2a (1) item 5, as amended by the Federal Act published in the Federal Law Gazette I no. 157/2023 shall enter into force on 1 December 2027. From 1 January 2024, the amount specified in Section 2 (4) item 1 shall be reduced or increased to the extent that the 2010 consumer price index published by the Federal Institute Statistik Austria or the index for the preceding year replacing it changes.

(8) (Constitutional provision) Section 4 (1) items 2 and 9, Section 5 and Section 6 (3), as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I no. 157/2023](#), shall enter into force on 1 January 2024. The person in post as Secretary General as at 31 December 2023 shall, with effect from 1 January 2024, be deemed to have been appointed as a Member of the Managing Board for a term of five years in accordance with Section 6 (2). Until the appointment of the second Member of the Managing Board, that person shall perform the duties of the Managing Board alone.

(9) (Constitutional provision) Section 3 (4) and Sections 4 (4) to (4b), as well as Section 6 (3), as amended by the Federal Act published in the [Federal Law Gazette I no. 15/2025](#), shall enter into force at the end of the day on which they are promulgated.