

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

We, the multinational people of the Russian Federation,
united by a common fate on our land,
establishing human rights and freedoms, civic peace and accord,
preserving the historically established state unity,
proceeding from the universally recognized principles of equality and self-determination of peoples,
revering the memory of ancestors who have conveyed to us the love for the Fatherland, belief in the good and justice,
reviving the sovereign statehood of Russia and asserting the firmness of its democratic basic,
striving to ensure the well-being and prosperity of Russia,
proceeding from the responsibility for our Fatherland before the present and future generations,
recognizing ourselves as part of the world community,
adopt the **CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**.

FIRST SECTION

CHAPTER 2. RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF MAN AND CITIZEN

Article 48

- 1.** Everyone shall be guaranteed the right to qualified legal assistance. In cases envisaged by law the legal assistance shall be free.
- 2.** Any person detained, taken into custody, accused of committing a crime shall have the right to receive assistance of a lawyer (counsel for the defence) from the moment of detention, confinement in custody or facing charges accordingly.