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FEDERAL LAW NO. 252-FZ OF 9 NOVEMBER 2009
AMENDING THE FEDERAL LAW ON DEFENCE
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**Federal Law of the Russian Federation no. 252-FZ of 9 November 2009
"Amending the Federal Law "On Defence""**

Published on 13 November 2009
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**Adopted by the State Duma on 23 October 2009
Ratified by the Federation Council on 30 October 2009**

Federal Law no. 61-FZ of 31 May 1996 "On Defence" (Compendium of legislation of the Russian Federation, 1996, no. 23, art. 2750; 2003, no. 46, art. 4437; 2004, no. 27, art. 2711; 2005, no. 15, art. 1276; 2009, no. 15, art. 1779) shall be amended as follows:

1) In Article 10, add a paragraph 2¹ worded as follows:

"2¹. For the purpose of protecting the interests of the Russian Federation and its citizens and supporting international peace and security, Russian Federation Armed Forces formations may be operationally deployed beyond the territorial boundaries of the Russian Federation in accordance with the universally recognised principles and norms of international law, the international treaties of the Russian Federation and the present Federal Law, in order to fulfil the following tasks:

- 1) to repel an armed attack on Russian Federation Armed Forces formations, other troops or organs deployed beyond the territorial boundaries of the Russian Federation;
- 2) to repel or prevent an armed attack on another State which makes a corresponding request to the Russian Federation;
- 3) to protect Russian Federation citizens beyond the territorial boundaries of the Russian Federation from armed attack;
- 4) to combat piracy and ensure the security of shipping;

2) Add an Article 10¹ worded as follows:

"Article 10¹. Operational deployment of Russian Federation Armed Forces formations beyond the territorial boundaries of the Russian Federation

1. Decisions on the operational deployment of Russian Federation Armed Forces formations beyond the territorial boundaries of the Russian Federation in compliance with paragraph 2¹ of Article 10 of the present Federal Law shall be taken by the President of the Russian Federation on the basis of the corresponding resolution of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

2. The total number of Russian Federation Armed Forces formations, the sector in which they are to operate, the tasks to be fulfilled by them and the period for which these formations are to be deployed shall be determined by the President of the Russian Federation.

3. The supplementing of Russian Federation Armed Forces formations with servicemen and civilian staff, the supply of material and technical resources and the provision of medical and other types of services to the servicemen and civilian staff incorporated in those formations shall be implemented by the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence.

4. Decisions on the early withdrawal of Russian Federation Armed Forces formations shall be taken by the President of the Russian Federation or, on his instructions, by the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence."

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President of the Russian Federation