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AN ACT TO ENABLE THE STATE TO MEET COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO AMEND THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACTS 1939 TO 1998 AND THE EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT ACT 2003, AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RELATED MATTERS, INCLUDING THE RETENTION OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA.

[8th March, 2005]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

**PART 1**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- Short title.           **1.**—This Act may be cited as **the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005**.
- Commencement.       **2.**—**Section 32** comes into operation 4 months after the passing of this Act.
- Interpretation.       **3.**—(1) In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—
- “act” includes omission and a reference to the commission or doing of an act includes a reference to the making of an omission;
- “Act of 1939” means **the Offences against the State Act 1939**;
- “Act of 1965” means the Extradition Act 1965;
- “Act of 1985” means **the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1985**;
- “Act of 1994” means **the Criminal Justice Act 1994**;
- “Act of 1996” means **the Proceeds of Crime Act 1996**;
- “Act of 1998” means **the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998**;
- “Act of 2003” means **the European Arrest Warrant Act 2003**;
- “Irish ship” has the same meaning as in **section 9 of the Mercantile Marine Act 1955**;
- “Minister” means Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform;
- “ship” includes any vessel used in navigation.
- (2) In this Act a reference to a state includes a reference to the sub-sovereign entities of the state.

(3) A person who has his or her principal residence in the State for the 12 months immediately preceding the commission of an act referred to in *section 6(2), 9(3), 10(4) or 13(6)* is, for the purposes of this Act, considered—

(a) if he or she is a stateless person, to be habitually resident in the State on the date of the commission of that act, and

(b) in any other case, to be resident in the State on that date.

(4) In this Act—

(a) a reference to a section, Part or Schedule is to a section or Part of, or a Schedule to, this Act, unless it is indicated that a reference to some other enactment is intended,

(b) a reference to a subsection, paragraph or subparagraph is to the subsection, paragraph or subparagraph of the provision in which the reference occurs, unless it is indicated that reference to some other provision is intended, and

(c) a reference to any other enactment is to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act, unless the context otherwise requires.

F2[Regulations

**3A.** (1) The Minister may by regulations provide for any matter referred to in this Act as prescribed or to be prescribed.

(2) Regulations under this Act may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations.

(3) Every regulation under this Act shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made and, if a resolution annulling the regulation is passed by either such House within the next 21 days on which that House has sat after the regulation is laid before it, the regulation shall be annulled accordingly, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.]

## PART 2

### SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST GROUPS AND TERRORIST OFFENCES

Definitions for Part  
2.

**4.—**F3[(1)] In this Part—

F4["Framework Decision" means Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism<sup>2</sup>, the text of which is set out for convenience of reference in—

(a) Part 1 of Schedule 1, in the case of the Irish language text, and

(b) Part 2 of Schedule 1, in the case of the English language text,

as amended by Council Framework Decision 2008/919/JHA of 28 November 2008 amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism<sup>3</sup>, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in Schedule 1A;]

F3["Prevention of Terrorism Convention" means the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, done at Warsaw on 16 May 2005, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in Schedule 1B;

"public provocation to commit a terrorist offence" shall be construed in accordance with *section 4A*;

"recruitment for terrorism" shall be construed in accordance with *section 4B*; ]

"terrorist activity" means an act that is committed in or outside the State and that—

<sup>2</sup> O.J. No. L164, 22.6.2002, p.3.

<sup>3</sup> O.J. No. L330, 9.12.2008, p.21.

- (a) if committed in the State, would constitute an offence specified in *Part 1 of Schedule 2*, and
- (b) is committed with the intention of—
  - (i) seriously intimidating a population,
  - (ii) unduly compelling a government or an international organisation to perform or abstain from performing an act, or
  - (iii) seriously destabilising or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a state or an international organisation;

“terrorist group” has the same meaning as in the Framework Decision;

F4[“terrorist-linked activity”, subject to *subsections (2) and (3)*, means—

- (a) an act that is committed in or outside the State and that—
  - (i) if committed in the State, would constitute an offence specified in *Part 2 of Schedule 2*, and
  - (ii) is committed with a view to engaging in a terrorist activity,
- (b) an act that is committed in or outside the State and that—
  - (i) if committed in the State, would constitute an offence specified in *Part 3 of Schedule 2*, and
  - (ii) is committed with a view to engaging in a terrorist activity or with a view to committing an act that, if committed in the State, would constitute an offence under section 21 or 21A of the Act of 1939,
- (c) public provocation to commit a terrorist offence,
- (d) recruitment for terrorism, or
- (e) training for terrorism;]

F3[“training for terrorism” shall be construed in accordance with *section 4C*.]

F3[(2) A terrorist-linked activity may be committed wholly or partially by electronic means.

(3) In determining whether an act is a terrorist-linked activity, it shall not be necessary for an offence under *section 6(1)(a)* insofar as that provision relates to a terrorist activity, to have actually been committed.]

F5[Public provocation to commit terrorist offence

**4A.** For the purposes of this Part, public provocation to commit a terrorist offence means the intentional distribution, or otherwise making available, by whatever means of communication by a person of a message to the public, with the intent of encouraging, directly or indirectly, the commission by a person of a terrorist activity.]

F6[Recruitment for terrorism

**4B.** For the purposes of this Part, recruitment for terrorism means—

- (a) the intentional recruitment of another person—
  - (i) to commit, or participate in the commission of, a terrorist activity,
  - (ii) to commit an act in or outside the State that, if committed in the State, would constitute an offence under section 6 of the Act of 1998, or
  - (iii) to commit an act in or outside the State that, if committed in the State, would constitute an offence under section 21 or 21A of the Act of 1939,
- or
- (b) the intentional commission of an act in or outside the State that, if committed in the State, would constitute an offence under *section 3 of the Criminal Law Act 1976*.]

F7[Training for  
terrorism

4C. (1) For the purposes of this Part, training for terrorism means intentionally providing instruction or training in the skills of—

- (a) making or using, for the purpose of committing, or contributing to the commission of, a terrorist activity—
  - (i) firearms or explosives,
  - (ii) nuclear material,
  - (iii) biological weapons, chemical weapons or prohibited weapons, or
  - (iv) such other weapons, or noxious or hazardous substances, that may be used in a terrorist activity as the Minister may prescribe,
- or
- (b) such other techniques or methods for the purpose of committing, or contributing to the commission of, a terrorist activity as the Minister may prescribe,

knowing that the skills provided are intended to be used by a person receiving the instruction or training for the purpose of committing, or contributing to the commission of, a terrorist activity.

(2) The Minister may, if he or she considers it appropriate to do so, make regulations for the purposes of *subsection (1)* and he or she shall—

- (a) before making such regulations, consult with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, the Minister for Defence and such other Minister of the Government as the Minister considers appropriate having regard to the weapons, substances, techniques or methods concerned, and
- (b) in making such regulations, have regard to the following:
  - (i) the capability of the weapon, substance, technique or method concerned to cause the death of or serious bodily injury to persons or substantial material damage to property;
  - (ii) the capacity of the weapon, substance, technique or method concerned to be used for the purposes of a terrorist activity and the likelihood of it being so used;
  - (iii) the extent to which instruction or training—
    - (I) in the making or use of the weapon or substance concerned, or
    - (II) in the use of the technique or method concerned,
 is required for the making or use, as the case may be, of that weapon, substance, technique or method for the purpose of committing, or contributing to the commission of, a terrorist activity.

(3) In this section—

"biological weapon" and "prohibited weapon" have the same meanings as in the [Biological Weapons Act 2011](#);

"chemical weapons" has the same meaning as in [section 2](#) of the [Chemical Weapons Act 1997](#);

"explosive" means an explosive within the meaning of the [Explosives Act 1875](#) and any other substance or thing that is an explosive substance within the meaning of the [Explosive Substances Act 1883](#);

"firearm" has the same meaning as in [section 1](#) of the [Firearms Act 1925](#);

"nuclear material" has the same meaning as in [section 2](#) of the [Radiological Protection Act 1991](#).]

Terrorist groups. 5.—(1) A terrorist group that engages in, promotes, encourages or advocates the commission, in or outside the State, of a terrorist activity is an unlawful organisation within the meaning and for the purposes of the Offences against the State Acts 1939 to 1998 and [section 3 of the Criminal Law Act 1976](#).

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the Offences against the State Acts 1939 to 1998 and [section 3 of the Criminal Law Act 1976](#) apply with any necessary modifications and have effect in relation to a terrorist group referred to in *subsection (1)* as if that group were an organisation referred to in section 18 of the Act of 1939.

(3) *Subsections (1) and (2)* are not to be taken to be limited by any other provision of this Act that refers to provisions of the Offences against the State Acts 1939 to 1998 or that makes provisions of those Acts applicable in relation to offences under this Act.

(4) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply whether the terrorist group is based in or outside the State.

Terrorist offences. 6.—(1) Subject to *subsections (2) to (4)*, a person is guilty of an offence if the person—

(a) in or outside the State—

(i) engages in a terrorist activity or a terrorist-linked activity,

(ii) attempts to engage in a terrorist activity or a terrorist-linked activity, ~~F8~~[\[other than public provocation to commit a terrorist offence, \]](#) or

(iii) makes a threat to engage in a terrorist activity,

or

(b) commits outside the State an act that, if committed in the State, would constitute—

(i) an offence under section 21 or 21A of the Act of 1939, or

(ii) an offence under section 6 of the Act of 1998.

(2) *Subsection (1)* applies to an act committed outside the State if the act—

(a) is committed on board an Irish ship,

(b) is committed on an aircraft registered in the State,

(c) is committed by a person who is a citizen of Ireland or is resident in the State,

(d) is committed for the benefit of a legal person established in the State,

(e) is directed against the State or an Irish citizen, or

(f) is directed against—

(i) an institution of the European Union that is based in the State, or

(ii) a body that is based in the State and is set up in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community or the Treaty on European Union.

(3) *Subsection (1)* applies also to an act committed outside the State in circumstances other than those referred to in *subsection (2)*, but in that case the Director of Public Prosecutions may not take, or consent to the taking of, proceedings referred to in [section 43\(2\)](#) for an offence in respect of that act except as authorised by [section 43\(3\)](#).

(4) *Subsection (1)* does not apply in respect of—

(a) the activities of armed forces during an armed conflict insofar as those activities are governed by international humanitarian law, or

(b) the activities of the armed forces of a state in the exercise of their official duties insofar as those activities are governed by other rules of international law.

(5) To avoid doubt, the fact that a person engages in any protest, advocacy or dissent, or engages in any strike, lockout or other industrial action, is not of itself a sufficient basis for inferring that the person is carrying out an act with the intention specified in *paragraph (b)* of the definition of “terrorist activity” in *section 4*.

(6) Where a person is charged with an offence under *subsection (1)*, which in the opinion of the Attorney General was committed in or outside the State with the intention of—

- (a) unduly compelling the government of a state (other than a member state of the European Union) to perform or abstain from performing an act, or
- (b) seriously destabilising or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of such a state,

then, notwithstanding anything in this Act, no further proceedings in the matter (other than any remand in custody or on bail) may be taken except with the consent of the Attorney General.

(7) Where in proceedings for the offence of engaging in or attempting to engage in a terrorist activity—

- (a) it is proved that the accused person committed or attempted to commit an act—
  - (i) that constitutes an offence specified in *Part 1 of Schedule 2*, or
  - (ii) that, if committed in the State, would constitute an offence referred to in *subparagraph (i)*,

and

- (b) the court is satisfied, having regard to all the circumstances including those specified in *subsection (8)*, that it is reasonable to assume that the act was committed, or the attempt was made, with the intention of—
  - (i) seriously intimidating a population,
  - (ii) unduly compelling a government or an international organisation to perform or abstain from performing an act, or
  - (iii) seriously destabilising or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a state or an international organisation,

the accused person shall be presumed, unless the court is satisfied to the contrary, to have committed or attempted to commit the act with that intention.

(8) The circumstances referred to in *subsection (7)*, include—

- (a) whether the act or attempt referred to in *subsection (7)(a)*—
  - (i) created or was likely to create a collective danger to the lives or physical integrity of persons,
  - (ii) caused or was likely to cause serious damage to a state or international organisation, or
  - (iii) caused or was likely to result in major economic loss,

and

- (b) any other matters that the court considers relevant.

(9) Where the Director of Public Prosecutions considers that another Member State of the European Communities has jurisdiction to try a person for any act constituting an offence under this section, the Director—

- (a) shall co-operate with the appropriate authority in that other Member State, and
- (b) may have recourse to any body or mechanism established within the European Communities in order to facilitate co-operation between judicial authorities,

with a view to centralising the prosecution of the person in a single Member State where possible.

Penalties for terrorist offences.

7.—(1) A person guilty of an offence under *section 6(1)(a)* is liable on conviction to be punished according to the gravity of the offence as follows:

- (a) to the sentence of imprisonment fixed by law, if the corresponding offence specified in *Schedule 2* is one for which the sentence is fixed by law;
- (b) to imprisonment for life, if the corresponding offence specified in *Schedule 2* is one for which the maximum sentence is imprisonment for life;
- (c) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years more than the maximum term of imprisonment for the corresponding offence specified in *Schedule 2*, if that corresponding offence is one for which a person of full capacity and not previously convicted may be sentenced to a maximum term of 10 or more years of imprisonment;
- (d) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 year more than the maximum term of imprisonment for the corresponding offence specified in *Schedule 2*, if that corresponding offence is one for which a person of full capacity and not previously convicted may be sentenced to F9[a maximum term of less than 10 years of imprisonment,]

F10[(e) in the case of an offence that is a terrorist-linked activity referred to—

- (i) in *paragraph (c)* of the definition in section 4 of "terrorist-linked activity"—
  - (I) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both, or
  - (II) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both,
- (ii) in *paragraph (d)* of that definition, on conviction on indictment to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both, and
- (iii) in *paragraph (e)* of that definition, on conviction on indictment to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or both.]

(2) A person guilty of an offence under *section 6(1)(b)* is liable on conviction to the penalty to which he or she would have been liable had the act that constitutes the offence been done in the State.

(3) In this section, "corresponding offence", in relation to a person convicted of an offence under *section 6(1)(a)*, means the offence for which the person would have been liable to be convicted had the act constituting the offence under that section been committed in the State in the absence of the intent referred to in *paragraph (b)* of the definition in *section 4* of "terrorist activity".

### PART 3

#### SUPPRESSION OF HOSTAGE-TAKING, TERRORIST BOMBING AND CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS

Definitions for Part 3.

8.—In this Part—

"Hostage Convention" means the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages adopted by resolution 34/146 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1979, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in *Schedule 3*;

"Internationally Protected Persons Convention" means the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by resolution 3166 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December

1973, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in *Schedule 4*;

“Terrorist Bombing Convention” means the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings adopted by resolution 52/164 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1997, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in *Schedule 5*.

Offence of hostage-taking.

**9.**—(1) Subject to *subsections (3) to (5)*, a person is guilty of the offence of hostage-taking if he or she, in or outside the State—

(a) seizes or detains another person (“the hostage”), and

(b) threatens to kill, injure or continue to detain the hostage,

in order to compel a state, an international intergovernmental organisation, a person or a group of persons to do, or abstain from doing, any act.

(2) Subject to *subsections (3) to (5)*, a person who attempts to commit an offence under *subsection (1)* is guilty of an offence.

(3) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply to an act committed outside the State if—

(a) the act is committed on board an Irish ship,

(b) the act is committed on an aircraft registered in the State,

(c) the act is committed by a citizen of Ireland or by a stateless person habitually resident in the State,

(d) the act is committed in order to compel the State to do or abstain from doing an act,  
or

(e) the hostage is a citizen of Ireland.

(4) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply also to an act committed outside the State in circumstances other than those referred to in *subsection (3)*, but in that case the Director of Public Prosecutions may not take, or consent to the taking of, proceedings referred to in *section 43(2)* for an offence in respect of that act except as authorised by *section 43(3)*.

(5) *Subsections (1) and (2)* do not apply in respect of any act of hostage-taking that constitutes an offence under *section 3 of the Geneva Conventions Act 1962*.

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.

Offence of terrorist bombing.

**10.**—(1) Subject to *subsections (4) to (6)*, a person is guilty of an offence if he or she, in or outside the State, unlawfully and intentionally delivers, places, discharges or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into or against—

(a) a place of public use,

(b) a state or government facility,

(c) a public transportation system, or

(d) an infrastructure facility,

with intent to cause death or serious bodily injury.

(2) Subject to *subsections (4) to (6)*, a person is guilty of an offence if—

(a) he or she, in or outside the State, unlawfully and intentionally delivers, places, discharges or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into or against a place, facility or system referred to in any paragraph of *subsection (1)* with intent to cause extensive destruction to that place, facility or system, and

(b) the destruction results in or is likely to result in major economic loss.

(3) Subject to *subsections (4) to (6)*, a person who attempts to commit an offence under *subsection (1) or (2)* is guilty of an offence.

(4) *Subsections (1) to (3)* apply to an act committed outside the State if the act is committed—

- (a) on board an Irish ship,
- (b) on an aircraft registered in or operated by the State,
- (c) by a citizen of Ireland or by a stateless person habitually resident in the State,
- (d) against a citizen of Ireland,
- (e) against a state or government facility of the State abroad, including an embassy or other diplomatic or consular premises of the State, or
- (f) in order to compel the State to do or abstain from doing an act.

(5) *Subsections (1) to (3)* apply also in respect of an act committed outside the State in circumstances other than those referred to in *subsection (4)*, but in that case the Director of Public Prosecutions may not take, or consent to the taking of, proceedings referred to in *section 43(2)* for an offence in respect of that act except as authorised by *section 43(3)*.

(6) *Subsections (1) to (3)* do not apply in respect of—

- (a) the activities of armed forces during an armed conflict insofar as those activities are governed by international humanitarian law, or
- (b) the activities of military forces of a state in the exercise of their official duties insofar as those activities are governed by other rules of international law.

(7) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.

(8) Subject to *subsection (9)*, a word or expression that is used in this section has the same meaning as it has in the Terrorist Bombing Convention.

(9) In this section “explosive or other lethal device” means any of the following:

- (a) an explosive weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage;
- (b) an incendiary weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage;
- (c) a weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage through the release, dissemination or impact of any of the following:
  - (i) a toxic chemical as defined in *the Chemical Weapons Act 1997*;
  - (ii) a microbial or other biological agent;
  - (iii) a toxin, whatever its origin or method of production;
  - (iv) a substance having an effect similar to the effect of anything referred to in any of *subparagraphs (i) to (iii)*;
  - (v) ionising radiation or a radioactive substance, as defined in *the Radiological Protection Act 1991*.

Offences against  
internationally  
protected persons.

**11.—(1)** Subject to *subsections (3) and (4)*, a person is guilty of an offence if he or she does outside the State—

- (a) an act to, or in relation to, an internationally protected person that, if done in the State, would constitute an offence specified in *Part 1 of Schedule 6*, or

- (b) an act in connection with an attack on the official premises, the private accommodation or any means of transportation of an internationally protected person that, if done in the State, would constitute an offence specified in *Part 2 of Schedule 6*.
- (2) Subject to *subsections (3) and (4)*, a person is guilty of an offence if he or she—
- (a) attempts to commit an act that is an offence under *subsection (1)*, or
- (b) makes a threat to commit an act that is an offence under *subsection (1)* and intends the person to whom the threat is made to fear that it will be carried out.
- (3) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply to an act committed outside the State if the act is committed—
- (a) on board an Irish ship,
- (b) on an aircraft registered in the State,
- (c) by a citizen of Ireland, or
- (d) against a person who enjoys the status of an internationally protected person by virtue of functions exercised on behalf of the State.
- (4) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply also to an act committed outside the State in circumstances other than those referred to in *subsection (3)*, but in that case the Director of Public Prosecutions may not take, or consent to the taking of, proceedings referred to in *section 43(2)* for an offence in respect of that act except as authorised by *section 43(3)*.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to—
- (a) in the case of an offence under *subsection (1) or (2) (a)*, the penalty to which he or she would have been liable had the act that constitutes the offence been committed in the State, or
- (b) in the case of an offence under *subsection (2)(b)*, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.
- (6) Subject to *subsection (7)*, a word or expression that is used in this section has the same meaning as in the Internationally Protected Persons Convention.
- (7) In this section “internationally protected person” means, in relation to an offence under *subsection (1) or (2)*—
- (a) a person who, at the time of the commission of the offence—
- (i) is a Head of State, a member of a body that performs the functions of a Head of State under the constitution of a state, a Head of Government or a Minister for Foreign Affairs, and
- (ii) is outside the territory of the state in which he or she holds office,
- (b) a person who does not fall within *paragraph (a)* and who, at the time of the commission of the offence—
- (i) is a representative or official of a state or an official or agent of an international organisation of an intergovernmental character, and
- (ii) is entitled under international law to protection from attack on his or her person, freedom or dignity,
- or
- (c) a person who, at the time of the commission of the offence—
- (i) is a member of the family of a person mentioned in *paragraph (a)* and is accompanying him or her, or
- (ii) is a member of the family and of the household of a person mentioned in *paragraph (b)*.

## PART 4

## SUPPRESSION OF FINANCING OF TERRORISM

Interpretation of  
Part 4.

**12.—(1)** In this Part, except where the context otherwise requires—

“disposal order” means an order under *section 16*;

“funds” means—

- (a) assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, however acquired, and
- (b) any legal document or instrument in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to, or any interest in, any asset, including, but not limited to, a bank credit, traveller's cheque, bank cheque, money order, share, security, bond, draft and letter of credit;

“interim order” means an order under *section 14*;

“interlocutory order” means an order under *section 15*;

“member of the Garda Síochána” means a member of the Garda Síochána not below the rank of Chief Superintendent;

“respondent” means—

- (a) a person in respect of whom an application for an interim order or an interlocutory order has been made, or
- (b) a person in respect of whom an interim order or an interlocutory order has been made,

and includes a person who, but for this Act, would become entitled on the death of a person referred to in *paragraph (a) or (b)* to any funds to which such an order relates (being an order that is in force and is in respect of that person);

“Terrorist Financing Convention” means the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism adopted by resolution 54/109 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1999, the English language text of which is set out for convenience of reference in *Schedule 7*.

(2) For the purposes of *sections 14 to 20*, a person is considered to be in possession or control of funds notwithstanding that all or part of them—

- (a) are lawfully in the possession or control of a member of the Garda Síochána of any rank or any other person, having been lawfully seized or otherwise taken by any such member or person, or
- (b) are subject to an interim order, an interlocutory order or any other order of a court that does either of the following or is to the like effect:
  - (i) prohibits any person from disposing of or otherwise dealing with the funds or diminishing their value;
  - (ii) contains any conditions or restrictions in that regard,
 or
- (c) are subject to a letting agreement, the subject of a trust or otherwise occupied by another person or are inaccessible.

(3) *Subsection (2)* is not to be construed to limit the generality of *sections 11(2) and 13(2)* of the Act of 1996 as made applicable by *section 20* of this Act.

Offence of financing  
terrorism.

**13.—(1)** Subject to *subsections (6) and (7)*, a person is guilty of an offence if, in or outside the State, the person by any means, directly or indirectly, unlawfully and wilfully provides,

collects or receives funds intending that they be used or knowing that they will be used, in whole or in part in order to carry out—

(a) an act that constitutes an offence under the law of the State and within the scope of, and as defined in, any treaty that is listed in the annex to the Terrorist Financing Convention, or

(b) an act (other than one referred to in *paragraph (a)*)—

(i) that is intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian or to any other person not taking an active part in the hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, and

(ii) the purpose of which is, by its nature or context, to intimidate a population or to compel a government or an international organisation to do or abstain from doing any act.

(2) Subject to *subsections (6) and (7)*, a person who attempts to commit an offence under *subsection (1)* is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person is guilty of an offence if the person by any means, directly or indirectly, unlawfully and wilfully provides, collects or receives funds intending that they be used or knowing that they will be used, in whole or in part—

(a) for the benefit or purposes of a terrorist group as defined in *section 4*, or

(b) in order to carry out an act (other than one referred to in *paragraph (a)* or *(b)* of *subsection (1)*) that is an offence under *section 6*.

(4) A person who attempts to commit an offence under *subsection (3)* is guilty of an offence.

(5) An offence may be committed under *subsection (1)* or *(3)* whether or not the funds are used to carry out an act referred to in *subsection (1)* or *(3)(b)*, as the case may be.

(6) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply to an act committed outside the State if the act—

(a) is committed on board an Irish ship,

(b) is committed on an aircraft registered in or operated by the State,

(c) is committed by a citizen of Ireland or by a stateless person habitually resident in the State,

(d) is directed towards or results in the carrying out of an act referred to in *subsection (1)* in the State or against a citizen of Ireland,

(e) is directed towards or results in the carrying out of an act referred to in *subsection (1)* against a State or Government facility of the State abroad, including an embassy or other diplomatic or consular premises of the State, or

(f) is directed towards or results in the carrying out of an act referred to in *subsection (1)* in an attempt to compel the State to do or abstain from doing any act.

(7) *Subsections (1) and (2)* apply also to an act committed outside the State in circumstances other than those referred to in *subsection (6)*, but in that case the Director of Public Prosecutions may not take, or consent to the taking of, proceedings referred to in *section 43(2)* for an offence in respect of that act except as authorised by *section 43(3)*.

(8) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

(a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both, or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years or both.

Interim order freezing certain funds.

**14.**—(1) If satisfied on application *ex parte* by a member of the Garda Síochána that a person is in possession or control of funds that are being used or may be intended for use in committing, or facilitating the commission of, an offence under *section 6* or *13*, the High

Court may make an order prohibiting the person, any other specified person or any other person having notice of the order from—

- (a) disposing of or otherwise dealing with all or, where appropriate, a specified part of the funds during such period, not exceeding 40 days, as may be specified by the Court, or
- (b) diminishing the value of the funds during that period.

(2) An interim order—

- (a) may contain such provisions, conditions and restrictions as the Court considers necessary or expedient, and
- (b) shall provide for notice of the order to be given to the respondent and any other person who appears to be or is affected by it unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain their whereabouts.

(3) On application by the respondent or any other person claiming ownership of the funds specified in an interim order that is in force, the Court may discharge or, as may be appropriate, vary the order if satisfied that those funds or a part of them are not funds that are being used or may be intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under [section 6](#) or [13](#).

(4) On application by a member of the Garda Síochána or any other person, the Court may vary an interim order to such extent as may be necessary to permit—

- (a) the enforcement of any order of a court for the payment by the respondent of any sum, including any sum in respect of costs,
- (b) the recovery by a county registrar or sheriff of income tax due by the respondent pursuant to a certificate issued by the Collector-General under [section 962 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997](#), together with the fees and expenses provided for in that section, or
- (c) the institution of proceedings for, or relating to, the recovery of any other sum owed by the respondent.

(5) *Subsection (4)* is not to be construed to limit the generality of [section 6](#) of the Act of 1996 as made applicable by [section 20](#) of this Act.

(6) On application at any time by a member of the Garda Síochána, the Court shall discharge an interim order.

(7) Subject to *subsections (3), (6) and (11)*, an interim order continues in force until the end of the period specified by the Court and then lapses unless an application for an interlocutory order in respect of any of the funds concerned is brought during that period.

(8) If an application for an interlocutory order is brought within the period allowed under *subsection (7)*, the interim order lapses on—

- (a) the determination of the application,
- (b) the expiry of the ordinary time for bringing an appeal against the determination, or
- (c) if such appeal is brought, the determination or abandonment of the appeal or any further appeal or the expiry of the ordinary time for bringing any further appeal,

whichever is the latest.

(9) Notice of an application under *subsection (3)* for the discharge or variation of an interim order shall be given by the respondent or other person making the application to—

- (a) the member of the Garda Síochána who applied for the interim order, and
- (b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(10) Notice of an application under *subsection (4)* for the variation, or under *subsection (6)* for the discharge, of an interim order shall be given by the applicant to—

(a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and

(b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(11) Where a forfeiture order, or a confiscation order, under the Act of 1994 relates to any funds that are the subject of an interim order that is in force—

(a) the interim order is discharged, if it relates only to the funds that are the subject of the forfeiture order or the confiscation order, as the case may be, and

(b) the interim order is varied by the exclusion from it of the other funds, if it relates to other funds in addition to the funds that are the subject of the forfeiture order or the confiscation order, as the case may be.

Interlocutory order. **15.**—(1) If, on application by a member of the Garda Síochána, it appears to the High Court on evidence tendered by the applicant that a person is in possession or control of funds that were being used or may be intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under [section 6](#) or [13](#), the Court shall, subject to [subsection \(2\)](#) of this section, make an order prohibiting the respondent, any other specified person or any other person having notice of the order from—

(a) disposing of or otherwise dealing with all or, where appropriate, a specified part of the funds, or

(b) diminishing the value of the funds,

unless the Court is satisfied, on evidence tendered by the respondent or any other person, that the funds are not being used or intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under [section 6](#) or [13](#).

(2) The Court shall not make an interlocutory order if it is satisfied that there would be a serious risk of injustice.

(3) Evidence tendered by the applicant for an interlocutory order may consist of or include evidence admissible by virtue of [section 18](#).

(4) An interlocutory order—

(a) may contain such provisions, conditions and restrictions as the Court considers necessary or expedient, and

(b) shall provide for notice of the order to be given to the respondent and any other person who appears to be or is affected by it unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain their whereabouts.

(5) On application by the respondent or any other person claiming ownership of the funds concerned, the Court may discharge or, as may be appropriate, vary an order that is in force if satisfied that—

(a) the funds concerned, or a part of them, are not funds that are being used or may be intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under [section 6](#) or [13](#), or

(b) the order causes any other injustice.

(6) On application by a member of the Garda Síochána or any other person, the Court may vary an interlocutory order to such extent as may be necessary to permit—

(a) the enforcement of any order of a court for the payment by the respondent of any sum, including any sum in respect of costs,

(b) the recovery by a county registrar or sheriff of income tax due by the respondent pursuant to a certificate issued by the Collector-General under [section 962 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997](#), together with the fees and expenses provided for in that section, or

(c) the institution of proceedings for, or relating to, the recovery of any other sum owed by the respondent.

(7) *Subsection (6)* is not to be construed to limit the generality of section 6 of the Act of 1996 as made applicable by *section 20* of this Act.

(8) On application at any time by a member of the Garda Síochána, the Court shall discharge an interlocutory order.

(9) Subject to *subsections (5), (6) and (12)*, an interlocutory order continues in force until—

- (a) the determination of an application for a disposal order in relation to the funds concerned,
- (b) the expiry of the ordinary time for bringing an appeal from that determination, or
- (c) if such an appeal is brought, the determination or abandonment of the appeal or any further appeal or the expiry of the ordinary time for bringing any further appeal,

whichever is the latest.

(10) Notice of an application under *subsection (1)* for an interlocutory order or of an application under *subsection (6)* for the variation, or under *subsection (8)* for the discharge, of an interlocutory order shall be given by the applicant to—

- (a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and
- (b) any other person to whom the Court directs that notice be given.

(11) Notice of an application under *subsection (5)* to discharge or vary an interlocutory order shall be given by the respondent or other person making the application to—

- (a) the member of the Garda Síochána who applied for the interlocutory order, and
- (b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(12) Where a forfeiture order, or a confiscation order, under the Act of 1994 relates to any funds that are the subject of an interlocutory order that is in force—

- (a) the interlocutory order is discharged, if it relates only to the funds that are the subject of the forfeiture order or the confiscation order, as the case may be, and
- (b) the interlocutory order is varied by the exclusion from it of the other funds, if it relates to other funds in addition to the funds that are the subject of the forfeiture order or the confiscation order, as the case may be.

Disposal order.

**16.—**(1) Subject to *subsection (2)*, where an interlocutory order has been in force for not less than 7 years in relation to funds, the High Court may, on application by a member of the Garda Síochána, make an order directing that all or, if appropriate, a specified part of the funds be transferred, subject to such terms and conditions as the Court may specify, to the Minister for Finance or such other person as the Court may determine.

(2) Subject to *subsections (6) and (8)*, the Court shall make a disposal order in relation to any funds that are the subject of an application under *subsection (1)* unless it is satisfied that the funds are not funds that had been used or were intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under *section 6* or *13*.

(3) The applicant shall give notice of an application under this section to—

- (a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and
- (b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(4) A disposal order operates to deprive the respondent of any rights to the funds to which the order relates and on the making of the order the funds are transferred to the Minister for Finance or other person determined by the Court.

(5) The Minister for Finance may dispose of any funds transferred to him or her under this section and any proceeds of the disposition and any money transferred to that Minister under this section shall be paid into and disposed of by him or her for the benefit of the Exchequer.

(6) In proceedings under *subsection (1)*, before deciding whether to make a disposal order, the Court shall give any person claiming ownership of the funds an opportunity to be heard by the Court and to show cause why the order should not be made.

(7) On application by the respondent or, if the respondent's whereabouts cannot be ascertained, on the Court's own initiative, the Court may, if it considers it appropriate to do so in the interests of justice, adjourn the hearing of an application under *subsection (1)* for such period not exceeding 2 years as it considers reasonable.

(8) The Court shall not make a disposal order if it is satisfied that there would be a serious risk of injustice.

Ancillary orders and provision in relation to certain profits or gains, etc.

**17.—**(1) At any time while an interim or interlocutory order is in force, the High Court may, on application by a member of the Garda Síochána, make such orders as it considers necessary or expedient to enable the interim order or interlocutory order to have full effect.

(2) The applicant shall give notice of an application under this section to—

- (a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and
- (b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(3) An interim order, an interlocutory order or a disposal order may be expressed to apply to—

- (a) any profit, gain or interest,
- (b) any dividend or other payment, or
- (c) any other funds,

payable or arising, after the making of the order, in connection with any other funds to which the order relates.

Evidence and proceedings relating to interim and other orders.

**18.—**(1) A statement made by a member of the Garda Síochána—

- (a) in proceedings under *section 14*, on affidavit or, if the High Court so directs, in oral evidence, or
- (b) in proceedings under *section 15*, in oral evidence,

that he or she believes that the respondent is in possession or control of funds that are being used, or may be intended for use, in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under *section 6* or *13* is evidence of the matter if the Court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for that belief.

(2) The standard of proof applicable in civil proceedings is the standard required to determine any question arising under *section 14, 15, 16, 17, 19* or *20*.

(3) Proceedings under *section 14* in relation to an interim order shall be heard otherwise than in public and any proceedings under *section 15, 16, 17* or *19* may, if the respondent or any other party to the proceedings (other than the applicant) so requests and the Court considers it proper, be heard otherwise than in public.

(4) The Court may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, prohibit the publication of such information as it may determine in relation to proceedings under *section 14, 15, 16, 17* or *19*, including information relating to—

- (a) applications for, the making or refusal of and the contents of orders under any of those sections, and
- (b) the persons to whom those orders relate.

Compensation.

**19.—**(1) An application to the High Court for an order under this section may be made where—

- (a) an interim order is discharged or lapses and an interlocutory order in relation to the matter is not made or, if made, is discharged (otherwise than pursuant to *section 14(11)*),
- (b) an interlocutory order is discharged (otherwise than pursuant to *section 15(12)*) or lapses and a disposal order in relation to the matter is not made or, if made, is discharged, or
- (c) an interim order or an interlocutory order is varied (otherwise than pursuant to *section 14(11)* or *15(12)*) or a disposal order is varied on appeal.
- (2) On application under *subsection (1)* by a person who satisfies the Court that—
- (a) the person is the owner of funds to which—
- (i) an interim order referred to in *subsection (1)(a)* related,
- (ii) an interlocutory order referred to in *subsection (1)(b)* related,
- (iii) an order referred to in *subsection (1)(c)* had related, but by reason of it being varied by a court, has ceased to relate,
- and
- (b) the funds are not being used or intended for use in committing or facilitating the commission of an offence under *section 6* or *13*,
- the Court may award to the person such (if any) compensation payable by the Minister for Finance as it considers just in the circumstances in respect of any loss incurred by the person by reason of the order concerned.
- (3) The Minister for Finance shall be given notice of, and be entitled to be heard in, any proceedings under this section.

Application of certain provisions of Act of 1996.

**20.**—For the purposes of this Part, sections 6, 7 and 9 to 15 of the Act of 1996 apply with the following modifications and any other necessary modifications as if an interim order, an interlocutory or a disposal order made under this Part, or an application for such an order, had been made under the Act of 1996:

- (a) a reference in any of the applicable provisions of the Act of 1996 to applicant shall be construed as referring to the member of the Garda Síochána who applied to the High Court for the interim order, interlocutory order or disposal order;
- (b) a reference in any of the applicable provisions of the Act of 1996 to respondent shall be construed as defined in *section 12* of this Act;
- (c) a reference in any of the applicable provisions of the Act of 1996 to property shall be construed as referring to funds.

Amendment of section 3 of Act of 1994.

**21.**—Section 3 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

- (a) in subsection (1) by inserting the following:
- “ ‘Act of 2005’ means the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*;”;
- (b) in subsection (1) by substituting the following for the definition of “confiscation order”;
- “ ‘confiscation order’ means an order made under section 4(4), 8A(5) or 9(1) of this Act;”;
- (c) in subsection (1) by substituting the following for the definition of “defendant”:
- “ ‘defendant’ means, for the purposes of any provision of this Act relating to confiscation, and subject to section 23(2)(a) of this Act, a person against whom proceedings for the relevant drug trafficking offence, offence of financing terrorism or other offence have been instituted;”;
- (d) in subsection (1) by inserting the following definitions:

“ ‘funds’ has the meaning given by *section 12* of the Act of 2005;”;

“ ‘funds subject to confiscation’ has the meaning given by section 8A(2) of this Act;”;

“ ‘offence of financing terrorism’ means an offence under *section 13* of the Act of 2005;”;

“ ‘proceeds’, in relation to an offence of financing terrorism, means any funds derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of that offence, including payments and rewards;”;

(e) in subsection (1) by substituting the following for the definition of “property”:

“ ‘property’ includes money and all other property, real or personal, heritable or moveable, including choses-in-action and other intangible or incorporeal property and, in relation to an offence of financing terrorism, includes funds;”;

(f) in subsection (1) by inserting the following definition:

“ ‘value of funds subject to confiscation’ has the meaning given by section 8B(1) of this Act;”;

(g) by inserting the following after subsection (9):

“(9A) For the purposes of the provisions of this Act relating to an offence of financing terrorism, a gift (including a gift made before the commencement of section 8A of this Act) is caught by this Act if—

(a) it was made by the defendant at any time since the beginning of a period of 6 years ending when proceedings in respect of that offence were instituted against the defendant, or

(b) it was made by the defendant at any time and was a gift of property—

(i) which was received by the defendant in connection with an offence of financing terrorism committed by the defendant or another person, or

(ii) which in whole or in part directly or indirectly represented in the defendant's hands funds received by the defendant in connection with an offence of financing terrorism.”;

(h) in subsection (16)(g) by substituting “an application under section 7, 8D or 13 of this Act” for “an application under section 7 or 13 of this Act”;

(i) in subsection (16)(h) by substituting “an application under section 8, 8E or 18 of this Act” for “an application under section 8 or 18 of this Act”.

Amendment of Part II of Act of 1994 — new sections 8A to 8E.

**22.**—Part II of the Act of 1994 is amended by inserting the following after section 8:

“Confiscation orders relating to offence of financing terrorism.

8A.—(1) Where a person has been sentenced or otherwise dealt with by a court in respect of one or more offences of financing terrorism of which that person has been convicted, the Director of Public Prosecutions may make, or cause to be made, an application to the court to determine whether the convicted person holds funds subject to confiscation.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, funds subject to confiscation are—

(a) funds used or allocated for use in connection with an offence of financing terrorism, or

(b) funds that are the proceeds of such an offence.

(3) An application under subsection (1) of this section may be made at the conclusion of the proceedings at which the person is sentenced or otherwise dealt with or at a later stage in the proceedings.

(4) An application under subsection (1) of this section shall not be made unless it appears to the Director of Public Prosecutions that the person in question holds funds subject to confiscation.

(5) If the court determines that the person in question holds funds subject to confiscation, the court shall—

- (a) determine in accordance with section 8C of this Act the amount to be recovered in that person's case by virtue of this section, and
- (b) make a confiscation order under this section requiring the person to pay that amount.

(6) The standard of proof applicable in civil proceedings is the standard required to determine a question arising under this Act as to—

- (a) whether a person holds funds subject to confiscation, and
- (b) the amount to be recovered in that person's case by virtue of this section.

Assessing  
the value of  
funds  
subject to  
confisca-  
tion.

8B.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, the value of the funds that are subject to confiscation is the aggregate of the values of those funds held by the defendant.

(2) For the purpose of assessing the value of funds subject to confiscation, the court shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, make the following assumptions:

- (a) that any funds appearing to the court—
  - (i) to have been held by the defendant at any time since the conviction, or
  - (ii) to have been transferred to the defendant at any time since the beginning of the period of six years ending when the proceedings were instituted against the defendant,
 were received or collected by the defendant, at the earliest time at which the defendant appears to the court to have held them, for use (whether or not used) in connection with the offence of financing terrorism or as the proceeds of such offence;

- (b) that any expenditure of the defendant since the beginning of that period was met out of funds subject to confiscation;

- (c) that the funds subject to confiscation are held by the defendant free of any other interests in them.

(3) The court shall not make an assumption set out in subsection (2) of this section if—

- (a) that assumption is shown to be incorrect in the case of the defendant, or
- (b) the court is satisfied that there would be a serious risk of injustice in that case were the assumption made.

(4) Where the court does not apply one or more of the assumptions set out in subsection (2) of this section, it shall state its reasons.

(5) For the purpose of assessing the value of funds subject to confiscation in a case where a confiscation order has previously been made against the defendant, the court shall not take into account any of that defendant's funds subject to confiscation that are shown to the court to have been taken into account in determining the amount to be recovered under the confiscation order.

Amount to be recovered under a confiscation order made under section 8A.

8C.—(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, where a confiscation order has been made under section 8A of this Act, the amount to be recovered under the order shall be equal to the amount assessed by the court to be the value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation.

(2) If the court is satisfied that the amount that might be realised at the time the confiscation order is made is less than the amount the court assesses to be the value of the funds subject to confiscation, the amount to be recovered in the defendant's case under the confiscation order shall be the amount appearing to the court to be the amount that might be so realised.

Re-assessment of whether defendant holds funds subject to confiscation.

8D.—(1) This section applies where an application has previously been made to the court under section 8A of this Act and the court has determined that the defendant did not hold funds subject to confiscation.

(2) The Director of Public Prosecutions may make, or cause to be made, an application to the court for it to consider evidence—

(a) which was not considered by the court in making the determination referred to in subsection (1) of this section, and

(b) which, had it been considered, the Director of Public Prosecutions believes would have led the court to determine that the defendant held funds subject to confiscation.

(3) If, having considered the evidence, the court is satisfied that, had that evidence been available to it, it would have determined that the defendant held funds subject to confiscation, the court—

(a) shall—

(i) make a fresh determination of whether the defendant holds funds subject to confiscation, and

(ii) make a determination under section 8A(5) of this Act of the amount to be recovered by virtue of that section,

and

(b) may make a confiscation order under section 8A(5) of this Act.

(4) In considering an application under this section, the court may take into account any funds held by the defendant on or after the date of the determination referred to in subsection (1) of this section, but only if the Director of Public Prosecutions shows that the funds relate to an offence of financing terrorism committed on or before that date by the defendant or another person.

(5) In considering any evidence under this section relating to any funds to which subsection (4) applies, the court shall not make the assumptions which would otherwise be required under section 8B of this Act.

(6) No application shall be entertained by the court under this section if it is made after the end of the period of six years beginning with the date on which the defendant was convicted.

Revised assessment of funds subject to confiscation.

8E.—(1) This section applies where a court has made a determination (referred to in this section as 'the current determination') under section 8A(5) of this Act of the amount to be recovered in a particular case by virtue of that section.

(2) Where the Director of Public Prosecutions is of the opinion that the real value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation was greater than their assessed value, the Director of Public Prosecutions may make, or cause to be made, an application to the court for the evidence on which that opinion was formed to be considered by the court.

(3) In subsections (2) and (4) of this section—

'assessed value' means the value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation as assessed by the court under section 8C(1) of this Act;

'real value' means the value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation which relate to an offence of financing terrorism committed either in the period by reference to which the current determination was made or in any earlier period.

(4) If, having considered the evidence, the court is satisfied that the real value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation is greater than their assessed value (whether because their real value was higher at the time of the current determination than was thought or because the value of the funds subject to confiscation has subsequently increased), the court shall make a fresh determination under section 8A(5) of this Act of the amount to be recovered by virtue of that section.

(5) Any determination under section 8A(5) of this Act by virtue of this section shall be by reference to the amount that might be realised at the time the determination is made.

(6) For any determination under section 8A(5) of this Act by virtue of this section, section 8B(5) of this Act shall not apply in relation to any of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation that were taken into account in respect of the current determination.

(7) In relation to a determination under section 8A(5) of this Act by virtue of this section—

(a) section 3(2) of this Act shall have effect as if for 'a confiscation order is made against the defendant' there were substituted 'of the determination',

(b) sections 3(8), 10(5)(a) and 12(4) of this Act shall have effect as if for 'confiscation order' there were substituted 'determination', and

(c) section 8C(2) of this Act shall have effect as if for 'confiscation order is made' there were substituted 'determination is made'.

(8) The court may take into account any funds held by the defendant on or after the date of the current determination, but only if the Director of Public Prosecutions shows that the funds relate to an offence of financing terrorism committed before that date by the defendant or another person.

(9) In considering any evidence relating to any funds to which subsection (8) applies, the court shall not make the assumptions which would otherwise be required by section 8B of this Act.

(10) If, as a result of making the fresh determination required by subsection (4) of this section, the amount to be recovered exceeds the amount set by the current determination, the court may substitute for the amount to be recovered under the confiscation order which was made by reference to the current determination such greater amount as it thinks just in all the circumstances of the case.

(11) No application shall be entertained by the court under this section if it is made after the end of the period of six years beginning with the date on which the defendant was convicted."

Amendment of  
section 9 of Act of  
1994.

**23.**—Section 9 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) by substituting " , other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism," for " , other than a drug trafficking offence,"

(b) in subsection (2) by substituting "(not being a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism)" for "(not being a drug trafficking offence)", and

- (c) in subsection (4) by substituting “, other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism,” for “other than a drug trafficking offence”.

Amendment of  
section 10 of Act of  
1994.

**24.**—Section 10 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

- (a) by substituting the following for subsection (1) (amended by [section 27 of the Criminal Justice Act 1999](#)):

“(1) Where a defendant accepts to any extent an allegation in a statement that—

- (a) is tendered by or on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions to a court that is engaged in a determination under section 4 of this Act as to whether a person has benefited from drug trafficking or as to any amount to be recovered by virtue of that section or to a court that is considering an application under section 7, 8, 8A, 8D, 8E or 9 of this Act, and

(b) concerns any matter relevant—

(i) to the determination of whether the defendant—

- (I) in the case of a conviction for a drug trafficking offence, has benefited from drug trafficking,
- (II) in the case of a conviction for an offence of financing terrorism, holds funds subject to confiscation, or
- (III) in the case of a conviction for an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism, has benefited as mentioned in section 9(4) of this Act,

or

(ii) to the assessment of the value of the defendant's proceeds of drug trafficking, the value of the funds subject to confiscation or the value of the defendant's benefits as mentioned in section 9(4) of this Act, as the case may be,

the court may, for the purposes of that determination or assessment, treat the defendant's acceptance as conclusive of the matters to which it relates.”;

- (b) by substituting the following for subsection (4):

“(4) A defendant who fails in any respect to comply with a requirement under subsection (3) of this section may be treated for the purposes of this section as accepting every allegation in the statement other than—

(a) any allegation in respect of which the defendant has complied with the requirement, and

(b) any allegation that—

- (i) in the case of a conviction for one or more drug trafficking offences, the defendant has benefited from drug trafficking or that any payment or reward was received by the defendant in connection with drug trafficking carried on by the defendant or another person,
- (ii) in the case of a conviction for one or more offences of financing terrorism, the defendant holds funds subject to confiscation, or
- (iii) in the case of a conviction for one or more offences, other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism, the defendant benefited from the offence or property was obtained from the defendant as a result of or in connection with the commission of an offence.”;

- (c) by substituting the following for subsection (8):

“(8) No acceptance by the defendant under this section of an allegation that—

- (a) any payment or other reward was received by the defendant in connection with drug trafficking carried on by the defendant or another person,
- (b) the defendant holds funds subject to confiscation, or
- (c) the defendant has benefited from an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism,

shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings for an offence.”.

Amendment of  
section 11 of Act of  
1994.

**25.**—Section 11(1) of the Act of 1994 (inserted by [section 28 of the Criminal Justice Act 1999](#)) is amended by substituting the following for paragraph (b):

“(b) an application has been made to a court under section 7, 8, 8A, 8D, 8E or 9 of this Act.”.

Amendment of  
section 12 of Act of  
1994.

**26.**—Section 12 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) by substituting “(but not when considering whether to make such an order under section 4 or 8A of this Act)” for “(but not when considering whether to make an order under section 4 of this Act)”;

(b) in subsection (4) by substituting the following paragraphs for paragraph (b):

“(b) (in the case of a conviction for one or more offences of financing terrorism) the value of the defendant's funds subject to confiscation, or

(c) (in the case of a conviction for an offence or offences other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism) the value of the defendant's benefit from the offence or offences in respect of which the order may be made.”.

Amendment of  
section 13 of Act of  
1994.

**27.**—Section 13 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) by substituting the following for subsection (2):

“(2) The High Court may exercise the powers of a court under section 4, 8A or 9 of this Act to make a confiscation order against the defendant in the case of a conviction for a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism if—

(a) the Director of Public Prosecutions asks the High Court to proceed under this section, and

(b) the High Court is satisfied that the defendant has died or absconded.”;

(b) by substituting the following for subsection (4):

“(4) The High Court may exercise the powers of a court under section 4, 8A or 9 of this Act to make a confiscation order against the defendant if—

(a) the relevant proceedings have been instituted in respect of a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism,

(b) the Director of Public Prosecutions asks the High Court to proceed under this section, and

(c) the High Court is satisfied that the defendant has absconded.”;

(c) in subsection (6) by substituting the following for paragraph (a):

“(a) sections 5(2), 8B(2), 10(3) and 10(4) of this Act shall not apply.”.

Amendment of  
section 17 of Act of  
1994.

**28.**—Section 17 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (2) by substituting the following for paragraph (a):

“(a) the value of the defendant’s—

- (i) proceeds of drug trafficking,
- (ii) funds subject to confiscation, or
- (iii) benefit as mentioned in section 9(4) of this Act,

as the case may be, in the period by reference to which the determination in question was made (‘the original value’), or”;

(b) in subsection (2) by substituting the following for subparagraph (i):

“(i) may make a fresh determination of the value of the defendant’s—

- (I) proceeds under section 4 of this Act, in the case of a drug trafficking offence,
- (II) funds subject to confiscation under section 8A of this Act, in the case of an offence of financing terrorism, and
- (III) benefit under section 9 of this Act, in the case of an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism, and”;

(c) by inserting the following after subsection (3):

“(3A) For any determination under section 8A of this Act by virtue of this section, section 8B(5) shall not apply in relation to any of the defendant’s funds subject to confiscation that were taken into account in determining the original value.”.

Amendment of  
section 18 of Act of  
1994.

**29.**—Section 18 of the Act of 1994 is amended by substituting the following for subsection (1):

“(1) This section shall have effect where the amount which a person is ordered to pay by a confiscation order is less than the amount assessed to be the value of the person’s—

- (a) proceeds of drug trafficking, in the case of a drug trafficking offence,
- (b) funds subject to confiscation, in the case of an offence of financing terrorism, or
- (c) benefit obtained from an offence other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism.”.

Amendment of  
section 23 of Act of  
1994.

**30.**—Section 23 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) by substituting the following for subsection (1):

“(1) The powers conferred on the High Court by section 24 of this Act shall be exercisable—

(a) where—

- (i) proceedings have been instituted in the State against the defendant for a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an indictable offence (other than a drug trafficking offence or an offence of financing terrorism) or an application has been made in respect of the defendant under section 7, 8, 8D, 8E, 13 or 18 of this Act,
- (ii) the proceedings or application have not been concluded, and
- (iii) either a confiscation order has been made or it appears to the Court that there are reasonable grounds for thinking that a confiscation

order may be made in the proceedings or that, in the case of an application under section 7, 8, 8D, 8E, 13 or 18 of this Act, the Court will be satisfied as mentioned in section 7(3), 8(4), 8D(3), 8E(4), 13(2), 13(4) or 18(2) of this Act,

or

(b) where—

(i) the Court is satisfied that proceedings are to be instituted against a person for a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act or that an application of a kind mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) of this subsection is to be made in respect of a person, and

(ii) it appears to the Court that a confiscation order may be made in connection with the offence or that a court will be satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii) of this subsection.”;

(b) in subsection (2) by substituting the following for paragraph (b):

“(b) references in this Act to realisable property shall be construed as if, immediately before that time, proceedings had been instituted against the person referred to in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section for a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act.”.

Amendment of section 28 of Act of 1994.

**31.**—Section 28(3)(a) of the Act of 1994 is amended by substituting the following for subparagraph (ii):

“(ii) an application has been made in respect of the defendant under section 7, 8, 8D, 8E, 13 or 18 of this Act and has not been concluded, or”.

Amendment of section 32 of Act of 1994.

**32.**—Section 32 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) by substituting the following for subsection (9A) (inserted by [section 14 of the Criminal Justice \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1997](#)):

“(9A) A designated body shall, in relation to the carrying on of its business, adopt measures to prevent and detect the commission of the following offences:

(a) an offence under section 31 of this Act;

(b) an offence of financing terrorism.”;

(b) in subsection (9B) (inserted by [section 14 of the Criminal Justice \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1997](#)) by substituting the following for paragraph (c):

“(c) the training of directors, other officers and employees for the purpose of enabling them to identify transactions which may relate to the commission of an offence under section 31 of this Act or an offence of financing terrorism, and the giving of instructions to them on how a director, other officer or employee should proceed once he or she has identified such a transaction.”.

Amendment of section 46 of Act of 1994.

**33.**—Section 46 of the Act of 1994 is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by inserting the following after paragraph (a):

“(aa) of recovering funds corresponding to funds subject to confiscation under this Act, or”,

and

(b) in subsection (5) by substituting “section 4, 8A or 9 of this Act” for “section 4 or 9 of this Act”.

Amendment of section 47 of Act of 1994. **34.**—Section 47(5) of the Act of 1994 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (b):

“(bb) an offence of financing terrorism, or”.

Amendment of section 55 of Act of 1994. **35.**—Section 55 of the Act of 1994 is amended by substituting the following for subsection (2):

“(2) Section 63 of this Act shall have effect as if—

(a) references in that section to drug trafficking included any conduct which is an offence under the law of a country or territory outside the State and would constitute drug trafficking had the conduct occurred in the State,

(b) references in that section to an offence of financing terrorism included any conduct which is an offence under the law of a country or territory outside the State and would constitute an offence of financing terrorism had the conduct occurred in the State or in the circumstances referred to in *section 13(6) of the Act of 2005*, and

(c) references in that section to an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act included any conduct which is an offence under the law of a country or territory outside the State and would constitute an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act had the conduct occurred in the State.”.

Amendment of section 57 of Act of 1994. **36.**—Section 57 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) by substituting the following for subsection (1):

“(1) Any person or body to whom section 32 of this Act applies (including a director, officer or employee of that person or body) and who suspects that—

(a) an offence of financing terrorism, or

(b) an offence under section 31 or 32 of this Act,

in relation to the business of that person or body has been or is being committed shall report that suspicion to the Garda Síochána and to the Revenue Commissioners.”;

(b) by substituting the following for subsection (2):

“(2) A person who—

(a) is charged by law with the supervision of a person or body to whom section 32 of this Act applies, and

(b) suspects that an offence of financing terrorism or an offence under section 31 or 32 of this Act has been or is being committed by that person or body,

shall report that suspicion to the Garda Síochána and to the Revenue Commissioners.”;

(c) in subsection (7)(b) by substituting “in the investigation or prosecution of a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism or an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act” for “in the investigation or prosecution of a drug trafficking offence or an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act”.

Amendment of section 58 of Act of 1994. **37.**—Section 58 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) by substituting “an investigation into drug trafficking, into whether a person holds funds subject to confiscation or into whether a person has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made” for “an

investigation into drug trafficking or into whether a person has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made”, and

- (b) in subsection (2) by substituting “makes any disclosure which is likely to prejudice an investigation arising from a report into whether an offence of financing terrorism or an offence under section 31 or 32 of this Act has been committed shall be guilty of an offence” for “makes any disclosure which is likely to prejudice an investigation arising from a report into whether an offence under section 31 or 32 of this Act has been committed shall be guilty of an offence”.

Amendment of  
section 61 of Act of  
1994.

**38.**—Section 61(1A) of the Act of 1994 (inserted by [section 17 of the Offences against the State \(Amendment\) Act 1998](#)) is amended in paragraph (a) by substituting “, section 27A of the [Firearms Act 1964](#) or [section 6 of the Act of 2005](#)” for “or section 27A of the [Firearms Act, 1964](#)”.

Amendment of  
section 63 of Act of  
1994.

**39.**—Section 63 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

- (a) by substituting the following for subsection (1):

“(1) A member of the Garda Síochána may apply to a judge of the District Court for an order under subsection (2) of this section in relation to any particular material, or material of a particular description, for the purpose of an investigation into any of the following matters:

- (a) drug trafficking;
- (b) the commission of an offence of financing terrorism;
- (c) the commission of an offence under section 31 of this Act;
- (d) whether a person has benefited from drug trafficking;
- (e) whether a person holds funds subject to confiscation;
- (f) whether a person has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act.”;

- (b) in subsection (4) by substituting the following for paragraph (a):

“(a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a specified person—

- (i) has carried on drug trafficking,
- (ii) has committed an offence of financing terrorism,
- (iii) has committed an offence under section 31 of this Act,
- (iv) has benefited from drug trafficking,
- (v) holds funds subject to confiscation, or
- (vi) has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act,”.

Amendment of  
section 64 of Act of  
1994.

**40.**—Section 64 of the Act of 1994 is amended as follows:

- (a) by substituting the following for subsection (1):

“(1) A member of the Garda Síochána may apply to a judge of the District Court for a warrant under this section in relation to specified premises for the purposes of an investigation into any of the following matters:

- (a) drug trafficking;
- (b) the commission of an offence of financing terrorism;
- (c) the commission of an offence under section 31 of this Act;

- (d) whether a person has benefited from drug trafficking;
  - (e) whether a person holds funds subject to confiscation;
  - (f) whether a person has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act.”;
- (b) in subsection (3) by substituting the following for paragraph (a):
- “(a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a specified person—
- (i) has carried on drug trafficking,
  - (ii) has committed an offence of financing terrorism,
  - (iii) has committed an offence under section 31 of this Act,
  - (iv) has benefited from drug trafficking,
  - (v) holds funds subject to confiscation, or
  - (vi) has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act, and”;
- (c) in subsection (4) by substituting the following for paragraphs (a) and (b):
- “(a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a specified person—
- (i) has carried on drug trafficking,
  - (ii) has committed an offence of financing terrorism,
  - (iii) has committed an offence under section 31 of this Act,
  - (iv) has benefited from drug trafficking,
  - (v) holds funds subject to confiscation, or
  - (vi) has benefited from an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act, and
- (b) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is on the premises material that—
- (i) relates to the specified person or to—
    - (I) drug trafficking,
    - (II) an offence of financing terrorism,
    - (III) an offence under section 31 of this Act, or
    - (IV) an offence in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act,

and
  - (ii) is likely to be of substantial value (whether by itself or together with other material) to the investigation for the purpose of which the application is made, and
  - (iii) cannot be particularised at the time of the application, and”.

Amendment of  
section 65 of Act of  
1994.

**41.**—Section 65(1) of the Act of 1994 is amended by substituting “If proceedings are instituted against a person for a drug trafficking offence, an offence of financing terrorism, an offence in respect of which a compensation order might be made under section 9 of this Act, or for more than one of any of those offences,” for “If proceedings are instituted against a person for a drug trafficking offence or offences or for an offence or offences in respect of which a confiscation order might be made under section 9 of this Act”.

Power to make  
regulations.

- 42.—(1) This section applies to acts—
- (a) that are adopted by the institutions of the European Communities before or after the commencement of this section in accordance with the treaties of those Communities, and
  - (b) that, in the opinion of the Minister for Finance, are for the purpose of, or will contribute to, combating terrorism through the adoption of specific restrictive measures, directed at persons, groups or entities, for the identification, detection, freezing or seizure of their assets of any kind.
- (2) The Minister for Finance may make regulations for enabling provisions of acts to which this section applies to have full effect, including regulations—
- (a) requiring the disclosure or reporting of information for the identification or detection of assets referred to in *subsection (1)(b)*, and
  - (b) respecting the freezing or seizure of such assets or the imposition of other restrictive measures referred to in *subsection (1)(b)*.
- (3) A person who contravenes a requirement of a regulation made under *subsection (2)* is guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under *subsection (3)* is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both, or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to—
    - (i) a fine not exceeding the greater of €10,000,000 or twice the value of the assets in respect of which the offence was committed,
    - (ii) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years, or
    - (iii) both such fine and such imprisonment.
- (5) Where after being convicted of an offence under *subsection (3)* a person continues to contravene the requirement to which the offence relates, the person is guilty of a further offence on every day on which the contravention continues and for each such offence is liable to whichever of the following penalties is applicable:
- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,000, if the person was convicted of the offence under *subsection (3)* on summary conviction;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €100,000, if the person was convicted of the offence under *subsection (3)* on indictment.
- (6) The Minister for Finance may make regulations providing for such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as appear to that Minister to be necessary for giving effect to regulations under *subsection (2)*.
- (7) A person who contravenes a requirement of a regulation made under *subsection (6)* is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both.
- (8) Where after being convicted of an offence under *subsection (7)* a person continues to contravene the requirement to which the offence relates, the person is guilty of a further offence on every day on which the contravention continues and for each such offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,000.

## PART 5

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Proceedings relating to offences committed outside the State. **43.**—(1) Proceedings for an offence under *section 6, 9, 10, 11 or 13(1) or (2)* in relation to an act committed outside the State may be taken in any place in the State and the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as having been committed in that place.

(2) Where a person is charged with an offence referred to in *subsection (1)*, no further proceedings in the matter (other than any remand in custody or on bail) may be taken except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(3) The Director of Public Prosecutions may take, or consent to the taking of, further proceedings against a person for an offence in respect of an act to which *section 6(1), 9(1) or (2), 10(1), (2) or (3), 11(1) or (2) or 13(1) or (2)* applies and that is committed outside the State in the circumstances referred to in *section 6(3), 9(4), 10(5), 11(4) or 13(7)* respectively if satisfied—

(a) that—

(i) a request for that person's surrender for the purpose of trying him or her for an offence in respect of that act has been made under Part II of the Extradition Act 1965 by—

(I) in the case of an offence in respect of an act to which *section 6(1)* applies, any state, and

(II) in the case of an offence in respect of an act to which *section 9(1) or (2), 10(1), (2) or (3), 11(1) or (2) or 13(1) or (2)* applies, a state party to the applicable instrument and exercising jurisdiction in accordance with its relevant provision,

and

(ii) the request has been finally refused (whether as a result of a decision of the court or otherwise),

or

(b) that—

(i) a F11[relevant arrest warrant] has been received from an issuing state for the purpose of bringing proceedings against the person for an offence in respect of that act,

(ii) except in the case of an act to which *section 6(1)* applies, jurisdiction is being exercised in accordance with the relevant provision of the applicable instrument, and

(iii) a final determination has been made that the F11[relevant arrest warrant] should not be endorsed for execution in the State under *the European Arrest Warrant Act 2003* or that the person should not be surrendered to the issuing state concerned,

or

(c) that, because of special circumstances (including, but not limited to, the likelihood of a refusal referred to in *paragraph (a)(ii)* or a determination referred to in *paragraph (b)(iii)*), it is expedient that proceedings be taken against the person for an offence under the law of the State in respect of the act.

(4) In *subsection (3)*—

“applicable instrument” means—

(a) in relation to an act to which *section 9(1) or (2)* applies, the Hostage Convention as defined in *section 8*,

(b) in relation to an act to which *section 10(1), (2) or (3)* applies, the Terrorist Bombing Convention as defined in *section 8*,

(c) in relation to an act to which *section 11(1) or (2)* applies, the Internationally Protected Persons Convention as defined in *section 8*, and

(d) in relation to an act to which *section 13(1)* or (2) applies, the Terrorist Financing Convention as defined in *section 12*;

“F11[relevant arrest warrant]” and “issuing state” have the meanings given by *section 2 of the European Arrest Warrant Act 2003*;

“relevant provision” means—

- (a) in relation to the Hostage Convention, Article 5(1),
- (b) in relation to the Terrorist Bombing Convention, Article 6(1) or (2),
- (c) in relation to the Internationally Protected Persons Convention, Article 3(1), and
- (d) in relation to the Terrorist Financing Convention, Article 7(1) or (2).

Evidence in proceedings under the Act.

**44.**—(1) Where in any proceedings relating to an offence under this Act a question arises as to whether—

- (a) a person is an internationally protected person,
- (b) a facility is a State or Government facility of the State abroad, or
- (c) an organisation is an international organisation or an international organisation of an intergovernmental character,

a certificate that is signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by a person authorised by that Minister, and that states any fact relating to that question is evidence of the fact unless the contrary is shown.

(2) In any proceedings relating to an offence under this Act—

F12[(a) in relation to an act committed outside the State—

(i) a certificate that is signed by an officer of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and states that a passport was issued by that Minister of the Government to a person on a specified date, and

(ii) a certificate that is signed by an officer of the Minister and states that, to the best of the officer’s knowledge and belief, the person has not ceased to be an Irish citizen,

is evidence that the person was an Irish citizen on the date on which the offence concerned is alleged to have been committed, unless the contrary is shown,]

(b) a certificate that is signed by the Attorney General, or by a person authorised by him or her, as to his or her opinion in relation to a matter mentioned in *section 6(6)* is evidence of that opinion, unless the contrary is shown, and

(c) a certificate that is signed by the Director of Public Prosecutions or by a person authorised by that Director and that states any of the matters specified in *paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of section 43(3)* is evidence of the facts stated in the certificate, unless the contrary is shown.

(3) A document purporting to be a certificate under *subsection (1) or (2)* is deemed, unless the contrary is shown—

- (a) to be such a certificate,
- (b) to have been signed by the person purporting to have signed it, and
- (c) in the case of certificate signed with the authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Attorney General or the Director of Public Prosecutions, to have been signed in accordance with the authorisation.

- Liability for offences by bodies corporate. **45.**—(1) Where a body corporate commits an offence under this Act and the offence is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to, any neglect on the part of a person who, when the offence was committed—
- (a) was a director, manager, secretary or other officer of that body, or
- (b) purported to act in any such capacity,
- that person, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of an offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) A person may be proceeded against for an offence referred to in *subsection (1)* whether or not the body corporate has been proceeded against or convicted of the offence committed by that body.
- (3) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, *subsections (1) and (2)* apply in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with the member's management functions as if the member were a director or manager of the body corporate.
- Double jeopardy. **46.**—A person who has been acquitted or convicted of an offence outside the State shall not be proceeded against for an offence under this Act consisting of the acts that constituted the offence of which that person was so acquitted or convicted.
- Expenses. **47.**—The expenses incurred in the administration of this Act shall, to such extent as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Finance, be paid out of money provided by the Oireachtas.

## PART 6

## AMENDMENT OF OTHER ACTS

- Amendment of section 21 of Act of 1939. **48.**—Section 21(2) of the Act of 1939 is amended—
- (a) in paragraph (a) by substituting—
- (i) “€3,000” for “fifty pounds”, and
- (ii) “12 months” for “three months”,
- and
- (b) in paragraph (b) by substituting “a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 8 years or both” for “imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years”.
- Amendment of Act of 1939 — new section 21A. **49.**—The Act of 1939 is amended by inserting the following after section 21:
- “Offence of providing assistance to an unlawful organisation. **21A.**—(1) A person who knowingly renders assistance (including financial assistance) to an unlawful organisation, whether directly or indirectly, in the performance or furtherance of an unlawful object is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both, or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 8 years or both.”.

Amendment of section 22 of Act of 1939.

**50.**—Section 22(a) of the Act of 1939 is amended by substituting “all the property (including money and all other property, real or personal, heritable or moveable, including choses in action and other intangible or incorporeal property, including funds as defined in [section 12](#) of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005* of such organisation” for “all the property (whether real, chattel real, or personal and whether in possession or in action) of such organisation”.

Amendment of Act of 1939 — new sections 22A to 22I.

**51.**—The Act of 1939 is amended by inserting the following after section 22:

“Definitions for, and operation of, sections 22B to 22I.

22A.—(1) For the purposes of sections 22B to 22I—

‘disposal order’ means an order under section 22C;

‘interim order’ means an order made under section 22B;

‘Minister’ means Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform;

‘property’ does not include moneys held in a bank;

‘respondent’ means—

(a) a person in respect of whom an application for an interim order has been made, or

(b) a person in respect of whom an interim order has been made,

and includes a person who, but for this Act, would become entitled on the death of a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) to any property to which such an order relates (being an order that is in force and is in respect of that person).

(2) Sections 22B to 22I shall not be construed to limit the generality of section 22.

Interim order respecting specified property.

22B.—(1) The Minister may apply *ex parte* to the High Court for an interim order under subsection (2) in respect of specified property where the Minister is of the opinion that it—

(a) is the property of an unlawful organisation, whether or not the property is in the possession or control of that organisation, and

(b) is forfeited to and vested in the Minister by virtue of section 22.

(2) On application under subsection (1), the Court may issue an interim order prohibiting any of the following from disposing of or otherwise dealing with the property specified in the order or from diminishing its value:

(a) any person in possession or control of the property;

(b) any person having notice of the order;

(c) any other person specified in the order.

(3) An interim order—

(a) may contain such provisions, conditions and restrictions as the Court considers necessary or expedient, and

(b) shall provide for notice of the order to be given to—

(i) any person named in the order, and

(ii) any other person who is or appears to be affected by it, unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the person's whereabouts.

(4) On application by the respondent or any other person claiming ownership of any property specified in an interim order that is in force under this section, the Court may discharge or vary the order, as it considers appropriate, if it is shown to the Court's satisfaction that the property is not the property of an unlawful organisation.

(5) On application at any time by the Minister, the Court shall discharge an interim order.

(6) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), an interim order continues in force until the expiry of 12 months from the date of its making and then lapses, unless an application for a disposal order in respect of any property specified in the interim order is brought during that period.

(7) If an application for a disposal order is brought within the period allowed under subsection (6), the interim order lapses on—

- (a) the determination of the application,
- (b) the expiry of the ordinary time for bringing an appeal against the determination, or
- (c) if such appeal is brought, the determination or abandonment of the appeal or any further appeal or the expiry of the time for bringing any further appeal,

whichever is the latest.

(8) Notice of an application under subsection (4) shall be given by the respondent or other person making the application to—

- (a) the Minister, and
- (b) any person to whom the Court directs that notice of the application be given.

(9) Notice of an application under subsection (5) shall be given by the Minister to—

- (a) the respondent, unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and
- (b) any person to whom the Court directs that notice of the application be given.

Disposal  
order  
respecting  
specified  
property.

22C.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), where an interim order has been in force for not less than 12 months in relation to specified property, the High Court may, on application by the Minister, make an order authorising the Minister to dispose of the property as he sees fit.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), the Court shall make a disposal order in relation to any property that is the subject of an application under subsection (1) unless it is satisfied that the property is not the property of an unlawful organisation.

(3) The Minister shall give notice of an application under this section to—

- (a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and
- (b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(4) Before deciding whether to make a disposal order under subsection (1), the Court shall give any person claiming ownership of the specified property an opportunity to be heard by the Court and to show cause why the order should not be made.

(5) On application by the respondent or, if the respondent's whereabouts cannot be ascertained, on the Court's own initiative, the Court may, if it considers it appropriate to do so in the interests of justice, adjourn the hearing

of an application under subsection (1) for such period not exceeding 2 years as it considers reasonable.

Ancillary orders and provision in relation to certain profits or gains, etc.

22D.—(1) At any time while an interim order is in force, the High Court may, on application by the Minister, make such orders as it considers necessary or expedient to enable the interim order to have full effect.

(2) The Minister shall give notice of an application under this section to—

(a) the respondent unless the Court is satisfied that it is not reasonably possible to ascertain the respondent's whereabouts, and

(b) such other (if any) persons as the Court may direct.

(3) An interim order or disposal order may be expressed to apply to—

(a) any profit, gain or interest,

(b) any dividend or other payment, or

(c) any other property,

payable or arising, after the making of the order, in connection with any other property to which the order relates.

Evidence.

22E.—(1) Production in court in any proceedings of a document signed by the Minister and stating that the property specified in the document would, but for the operation of section 22, have been the property of an unlawful organisation is evidence that the specified property would, but for the operation of that section, have been the property of an unlawful organisation, unless the contrary is shown.

(2) A document purporting to be a document of the Minister under subsection (1) and to be signed by the Minister shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to be such a document and to have been so signed, unless the contrary is shown.

Seizure of certain property.

22F.—(1) Where an interim order or a disposal order is in force, a member of the Garda Síochána or an officer of customs and excise may seize any property that is the subject of the order for the purpose of preventing the property being removed from the State.

(2) Property seized under this section shall be dealt with in accordance with the directions of the High Court.

Compensation.

22G.—(1) An application to the High Court for an order under this section may be made where—

(a) an interim order is discharged or lapses and a disposal order in relation to the matter is not made or, if made, is discharged, or

(b) an interim order or a disposal order is varied on appeal.

(2) On application under subsection (1) by a person who satisfies the Court that the person is the owner of any property to which—

(a) an interim order referred to in subsection (1)(a) related,

(b) an order referred to in subsection (1)(b) had related, but, by reason of its being varied by a court, has ceased to relate,

the Court may award the person such (if any) compensation payable by the Minister as it considers just in the circumstances in respect of any loss incurred by the person by reason of the order concerned.

(3) The Minister shall be given notice of, and be entitled to be heard in, any proceedings under this section.

Application of certain provisions of Act of 1996.

22H.—For the purposes of this Part, sections 6, 7 and 9 to 13 of the Act of 1996 apply with the following modifications and any other necessary modifications as if an interim order or a disposal order made under this Part, or an application for such order, had been made under the Act of 1996:

(a) a reference in any of the applicable provisions of the Act of 1996 to applicant or Minister shall be construed as referring to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform;

(b) a reference in any of the applicable provisions of the Act of 1996 to respondent shall be construed as defined in section 22A of this Act.

Immunity from proceedings.

22I.—No action or proceeding of any kind lies against a person in any court in respect of any act done or omission made in compliance with an order under any of sections 22B to 22D and 22H.”

Amendment of section 38 of Act of 1939.

**52.**—Section 38 of the Act of 1939 is amended by adding the following subsection:

“(4) For the purposes of this Act, a Special Criminal Court is in existence if it has been established under this section and has at the relevant time not fewer than 3 members appointed under section 39.”.

Amendment of section 49 of Act of 1939.

**53.**—Section 49 of the Act of 1939 is amended by renumbering it as section 49(1) and adding the following subsections:

“(2) A trial that is to be heard before a Special Criminal Court may be transferred by the Court, on its own motion or on the application of a triable person or the Director of Public Prosecutions, to another Special Criminal Court, but only if the first Court decides that it would be in the interests of justice to do so.

(3) In deciding whether it is in the interests of justice to transfer a trial, the Special Criminal Court may consider any factors it thinks relevant, including—

(a) whether the transfer would be in the interests of the expeditious administration of justice, and

(b) whether the transfer would prejudice the triable person or persons or the prosecution.

(4) A trial may be transferred under this section notwithstanding that an order has been made under subsection (1)(e) in relation to the triable person or persons.

(5) Where 2 or more triable persons are to be tried jointly, the decision of the Special Criminal Court to transfer the trial applies in relation to all of them.

(6) Subsection (5) does not affect the right of a triable person to apply for a separate trial and, if the application is granted, then to apply for a transfer of that trial.

(7) The decision of a Special Criminal Court to transfer a trial is final and unappealable.

(8) In this section ‘triable person’ means a person sent or sent forward for trial to, or charged before or transferred under this Act to, a Special Criminal Court.”.

Amendment and commencement of section 2 of Act of 1985.

- 54.**—(1) Section 2(1) of the Act of 1985 is amended by repealing paragraph (c).  
(2) Section 2 of the Act of 1985 comes into operation on the passing of this Act.

Amendment of section 8 of Act of 1985.

- 55.**—Section 8(2) of the Act of 1985 is amended by inserting “or any other form of property” after “Moneys”.

Amendment of Defence Act 1954.

- 56.**—**The Defence Act 1954** is amended as follows:

- (a) in section 169 (as amended by **section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1990**) by substituting the following for subsection (3):

“(3) Where a person charged under this section is convicted by a court-martial of an offence other than treason or murder, he shall be liable to be punished as follows:

- (a) if he is convicted of manslaughter, be liable to imprisonment for life or any lesser punishment awardable by a court-martial;
  - (b) if he is convicted of rape, rape under section 4 (within the meaning of **the Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990**) or aggravated sexual assault (within the meaning of **the Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990**), be liable to imprisonment for life or any lesser punishment awardable by a court-martial;
  - (c) if he is convicted of an act of genocide which would be punishable under **the Genocide Act 1973** be liable—
    - (i) in case the offence consists of the killing of any person, to imprisonment for life, or
    - (ii) in any other case, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years;
  - (d) if he is convicted of an offence under **the Criminal Justice (United Nations Convention against Torture) Act 2000** be liable to imprisonment for life;
  - (e) if he is convicted of an offence under **the Criminal Justice (Safety of United Nations Workers) Act 2000** be liable either to suffer any punishment assigned for such offence by that Act or any lesser punishment awardable by a court-martial;
  - (f) if he is convicted of an offence under the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*, be liable to suffer any punishment assigned for such offence by that Act;
  - (g) if he is convicted of any offence not before in this section particularly specified which when committed in the State is punishable by the ordinary criminal law of the State, be liable, whether the offence is committed in the State or elsewhere, either to suffer any punishment assigned for such offence by law of the State or to suffer—
    - (i) if he is subject to military law as an officer, dismissal with ignominy from the Defence Forces or any lesser punishment awardable by a court-martial, or
    - (ii) if he is subject to military law as a man, imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years or any lesser punishment awardable by a court-martial.”;
- (b) in section 192(2)(c) by inserting “or an offence under the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*” after “an offence under **the Criminal Justice (Safety of United Nations Workers) Act, 2000**” (inserted by **section 6 of the Criminal Justice (Safety of United Nations Workers) Act 2000**);

- (c) in section 192(3) by inserting “or an offence under the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*” after “an offence under the *Criminal Justice (Safety of United Nations Workers) Act, 2000*” (inserted by section 6 of the *Criminal Justice (Safety of United Nations Workers) Act 2000*).

Amendment of  
Extradition Act  
1965.

**57.**—(1) Section 3(1) of the Act of 1965 is amended by substituting the following for the definition of “political offence”:

“ ‘political offence’ does not include any of the following:

- (a) the taking or attempted taking of the life of a Head of State or a member of his family;
- (b) an offence within the scope of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances done at Vienna on the 20th of December, 1988;
- (c) an offence within the scope of the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings adopted by resolution 52/164 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1997;
- (d) an offence within the scope of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism adopted by resolution 54/109 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1999;”.

(2) Section 3 of the Act of 1965 is amended by the substitution, in subsection (1), of the following definition for the definition of “country” (inserted by section 47(a) of the Act of 2003):

“ ‘country’ includes—

- (a) a place or territory for whose external relations a country, other than that place or territory, is (in whole or in part) responsible, and
- (b) a place or territory for whose external relations the government of a country, other than the government of that place or territory, is (in whole or in part) responsible.”.

(3) Section 8 (amended by section 49 of the Act of 2003) of the Act of 1965 is amended by the substitution of the following subsections for subsections (1) and (1A):

“(1) Where by any international agreement or convention to which the State is a party an arrangement (in this Act referred to as an extradition agreement) is made with another country for the surrender by each country to the other of persons wanted for prosecution or punishment or where the Minister is satisfied that reciprocal facilities to that effect will be afforded by another country, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may, after consultation with the Minister, by order apply this Part—

- (a) in relation to that country, or
- (b) in relation to a place or territory for whose external relations that country is (in whole or in part) responsible.

(1A) Where at any time after the making of an order under subsection (1), a country becomes a party to an extradition agreement to which that order applies, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may, after consultation with the Minister, by order so declare, and this Part shall, upon the making of the second-mentioned order, apply—

- (a) to that country, or
- (b) if that country became a party to the extradition agreement concerned for the purpose only of its applying in relation to a place or territory for whose external relations that country is (in whole or in part) responsible, to that place or territory.”.

Amendment of  
Extradition (Amend-  
ment) Act 1994.

**58.**—The First Schedule to the Extradition (Amendment) Act 1994 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 6B:

“6C. An offence under *section 6(1)(a), 9 or 11 of the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005.*”.

Amendment of  
Criminal Procedure  
Act 1967.

**59.**—The Criminal Procedure Act 1967 is amended as follows:

(a) in section 13(1) by inserting “or the offence of murder under *section 6 or 11 of the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 or an attempt to commit such offence*” after “the offence of killing or attempted killing under paragraph (h) or (j) of section 2(1) of the Maritime Security Act 2004” (inserted by *section 10 of the Maritime Security Act 2004*);

(b) in section 29(1) by inserting the following after paragraph (j) (inserted by *section 10 of the Maritime Security Act 2004*):

“(k) the offence of murder under *section 6 or 11 of the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 or an attempt to commit such offence.*”.

Amendment of Bail  
Act 1997.

**60.**—The Schedule to the Bail Act 1997 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 32:

“Suppression of Terrorism.

33.—Any offence under the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005.*”.

## PART 7

### COMMUNICATIONS DATA

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## PART 8

## EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANT

- Application of this Part. **68.**—The amendments effected by this Part (other than *section 83*) shall apply to European arrest warrants, and facsimile and true copies thereof, that are endorsed under section 13, or produced under section 14(7), of the Act of 2003 after the passing of this Act.
- Issuing state presumed to comply with Framework Decision. **69.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the insertion of the following section:  
 “4A.—It shall be presumed that an issuing state will comply with the requirements of the Framework Decision, unless the contrary is shown.”
- Corresponding offences. **70.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 5:  
 “5.—For the purposes of this Act, an offence specified in a European arrest warrant corresponds to an offence under the law of the State, where the act or omission that constitutes the offence so specified would, if committed in the State on the date on which the European arrest warrant is issued, constitute an offence under the law of the State.”
- Obligation to surrender. **71.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 10:  
 “10.—Where a judicial authority in an issuing state duly issues a European arrest warrant in respect of a person—  
 (a) against whom that state intends to bring proceedings for an offence to which the European arrest warrant relates,  
 (b) who is the subject of proceedings in that state for an offence to which the European arrest warrant relates,  
 (c) who has been convicted of, but not yet sentenced in respect of, an offence to which the European arrest warrant relates, or  
 (d) on whom a sentence of imprisonment or detention has been imposed in respect of an offence to which the European arrest warrant relates, and who fled from the issuing state before he or she—  
 (i) commenced serving that sentence, or  
 (ii) completed serving that sentence,  
 that person shall, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Framework Decision, be arrested and surrendered to the issuing state.”
- European arrest warrant. **72.**—Section 11 of the Act of 2003 is amended by—  
 (a) the substitution of the following subsections for subsection (1):  
 “(1) A European arrest warrant shall, in so far as is practicable, be in the form set out in the Annex to the Framework Decision.  
 (1A) Subject to subsection (2A), a European arrest warrant shall specify—  
 (a) the name and the nationality of the person in respect of whom it is issued,  
 (b) the name of the judicial authority that issued the European arrest warrant, and the address of its principal office,  
 (c) the telephone number, fax number and email address (if any) of that judicial authority,

- (d) the offence to which the European arrest warrant relates, including the nature and classification under the law of the issuing state of the offence concerned,
- (e) that a conviction, sentence or detention order is immediately enforceable against the person, or that a warrant for his or her arrest, or other order of a judicial authority in the issuing state having the same effect, has been issued in respect of the offence,
- (f) the circumstances in which the offence was committed or is alleged to have been committed, including the time and place of its commission or alleged commission, and the degree of involvement or alleged degree of involvement of the person in the commission of the offence, and
- (g) (i) the penalties to which that person would, if convicted of the offence specified in the European arrest warrant, be liable,
- (ii) where that person has been convicted of the offence specified in the European arrest warrant but has not yet been sentenced, the penalties to which he or she is liable in respect of the offence, or
- (iii) where that person has been convicted of the offence specified in the European arrest warrant and a sentence has been imposed in respect thereof, the penalties of which that sentence consists.”

(b) the insertion of the following subsection:

“(2A) If it is not practicable for any of the information to which subsection (1A) (inserted by *section 72(a)* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*) applies to be specified in the European arrest warrant, it may be specified in a separate document.”

and

(c) the deletion of subsection (3).

Amendment of  
section 12 of Act of  
2003.

**73.**—Section 12 of the Act of 2003 is amended by—

(a) the substitution, in subsection (2), of “issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate,” for “issuing judicial authority”,

(b) the insertion of the following subsection:

“(3A) An undertaking required under this Act may be set out in the European arrest warrant or in a separate document.”

(c) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (4):

“(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the issuing judicial authority shall be deemed to have complied with subsection (1)—

(a) if facsimile copies of—

(i) the European arrest warrant, and

(ii) where appropriate, a translation thereof,

are transmitted by or on behalf of the issuing judicial authority to the Central Authority in the State, and

(b) where the Minister makes regulations under subsection (10), there is, in relation to those facsimile copies, compliance with the regulations.”

(d) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (5):

“(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate, shall be deemed to have complied with subsection (2)—

- (a) if facsimile copies of—
- (i) such undertakings as are required under this Act, and
  - (ii) where appropriate, translations thereof,
- are transmitted by it or on its behalf to the Central Authority in the State, and
- (b) where the Minister makes regulations under subsection (10) there is, in relation to those facsimile copies, compliance with the regulations.”
- (e) the substitution, in subsection (6), of “issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate,” for “issuing judicial authority” in each place that it occurs,
- (f) the substitution, in paragraph (b) of subsection (8), of “an issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate,” for “a judicial authority in the issuing state”,
- (g) the insertion, in subsection (8), of the following new paragraph:
- “(c) a document referred to in section 11(2A) (inserted by *section 72(b)* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*),”
- and
- (h) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (11):
- “(11) In this section ‘European arrest warrant’ includes a document referred to in section 11(2A) (inserted by *section 72(b)* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*).”.

Amendment of  
section 14 of Act of  
2003.

**74.**—Section 14 of the Act of 2003 is amended by—

- (a) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (6):
- “(6) Notwithstanding subsection (5), the High Court may order the release from custody of a person remanded in custody under this section if, at any time after the person has been so remanded, it appears to the High Court that a European arrest warrant has not been issued in respect of the person.”,
- and
- (b) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (7):
- “(7) Where, in relation to a person who has been remanded in custody under subsection (3), a European arrest warrant is transmitted to the Central Authority in the State in accordance with section 12—
- (a) that person shall be brought before the High Court as soon as may be, and
  - (b) the European arrest warrant, or a facsimile or true copy thereof, shall be produced to the High Court,
- and the High Court shall, if satisfied that the person is the person in respect of whom the European arrest warrant was issued—
- (i) remand the person in custody or on bail (and for that purpose the High Court shall have the same powers in relation to remand as it would have if the person were brought before it charged with an indictable offence), and
  - (ii) fix a date for the purposes of section 16 (being a date that falls not later than 21 days after the date of the person’s arrest).”.
- (c) the substitution, in subsection (10), of the following definition for the definition of “Schengen alert”:

“ ‘Schengen alert’ means a document that—

- (a) indicates that a European arrest warrant has been issued by a judicial authority in a Member State in respect of the person named in the document on such date as is specified in the document,
- (b) has been transmitted by electronic means by or on behalf of the judicial authority concerned or the issuing state concerned, as may be appropriate, to the Garda Síochána, using equipment designed, or intended for use, for the purposes of the Schengen Information System, and
- (c) is capable of being viewed by the Garda Síochána by means of equipment designed, or intended for use, for those purposes;”.

Amendment of  
section 15 of Act of  
2003.

**75.**—Section 15 of the Act of 2003 is amended by—

(a) the substitution of the following subsections for subsections (1) and (2):

“(1) Where a person is brought before the High Court under section 13, he or she may consent to his or her being surrendered to the issuing state and, if he or she so consents, the High Court shall—

- (a) if the European arrest warrant, or a facsimile or true copy thereof, has been endorsed in accordance with section 13 for execution of the warrant,
- (b) if it is satisfied that—
  - (i) the person voluntarily consents to his or her being surrendered to the issuing state concerned and is aware of the consequences of his or her so consenting, and
  - (ii) the person has obtained, or has been afforded the opportunity of obtaining or being provided with professional legal advice before consenting to his or her surrender,
- (c) if it is not required, under section 21A, 22, 23 or 24 (inserted by sections 79, 80, 81 and 82 of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), to refuse to surrender the person under this Act, and
- (d) if the surrender of the person is not prohibited by Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto),

make an order directing that the person be surrendered to such other person as is duly authorised by the issuing state to receive him or her.

(2) Where a person is brought before the High Court under section 14, he or she may consent to his or her being surrendered to the issuing state and, if he or she so consents, the High Court shall—

- (a) upon production to the High Court of the European arrest warrant or facsimile or true copies thereof,
- (b) if it is satisfied that—
  - (i) the person voluntarily consents to his or her being surrendered to the issuing state concerned and is aware of the consequences of his or her so consenting, and
  - (ii) the person has obtained, or has been afforded the opportunity of obtaining or being provided with, professional legal advice and representation before consenting to his or her surrender,
- (c) if it is not required, under section 21A, 22, 23 or 24 (inserted by sections 79, 80, 81 and 82 of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), to refuse to surrender the person under this Act, and
- (d) if the surrender of the person is not prohibited by Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto),

make an order directing that the person be surrendered to such other person as is duly authorised by the issuing state to receive him or her.”,

(b) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (3):

“(3) An order under this section shall take effect upon the expiration of 10 days beginning on the date of the making of the order or such earlier date as the High Court, upon the request of the person to whom the order applies, directs.”,

(c) the substitution, in subsection (5), of the following paragraph for paragraph (a):

“(a) the order takes effect in accordance with subsection (3) (inserted by *section 75(b)* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), or”,

and

(d) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (7):

“(7) A person (to whom an order for the time being in force under this section applies) who is not surrendered to the issuing state in accordance with subsection (5) shall be released from custody immediately upon the expiration of the 10 days referred to in that subsection unless, upon such expiration, proceedings referred to in subsection (6) are pending.”.

Date of hearing in relation to European arrest warrant.

**76.**—Section 16 of the Act of 2003 is amended by—

(a) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):

“(1) Where a person does not consent to his or her surrender to the issuing state or has withdrawn his or her consent under section 15(9) the High Court may, upon such date as is fixed under section 13 or such later date as it considers appropriate, make an order directing that the person be surrendered to such other person as is duly authorised by the issuing state to receive him or her, provided that—

- (a) the High Court is satisfied that the person before it is the person in respect of whom the European arrest warrant was issued,
- (b) the European arrest warrant, or a facsimile or true copy thereof, has been endorsed in accordance with section 13 for execution of the warrant,
- (c) where appropriate, an undertaking under section 45 or a facsimile or true copy thereof is provided to the court,
- (d) the High Court is not required, under section 21A, 22, 23 or 24 (inserted by *sections 79, 80, 81 and 82* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), to refuse to surrender the person under this Act, and
- (e) the surrender of the person is not prohibited by Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto).”,

(b) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (2):

“(2) Where a person does not consent to his or her surrender to the issuing state or has withdrawn his or her consent under section 15(9), the High Court may, upon such date as is fixed under section 14 or such later date as it considers appropriate, make an order directing that the person be surrendered to such other person as is duly authorised by the issuing state to receive him or her, provided that—

- (a) the European arrest warrant and, where appropriate, an undertaking under section 45, or facsimile or true copies thereof are provided to the court,
- (b) the High Court is satisfied that the person before it is the person in respect of whom the European arrest warrant was issued,

(c) the High Court is not required, under section 21A, 22, 23 or 24 (inserted by sections 79, 80, 81 and 82 of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), to refuse to surrender the person under this Act, and

(d) the surrender of the person is not prohibited by Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto).”,

(c) the insertion of the following subsection:

“(2A) Where the High Court does not—

(a) make an order under subsection (1) on the date fixed under section 13,  
or

(b) make an order under subsection (2) on the date fixed under section 14,

it may remand the person before it in custody or on bail and, for those purposes, the High Court shall have the same powers in relation to remand as it would have if the person were brought before it charged with an indictable offence.”,

(d) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (3):

“(3) An order under this section shall take effect upon the expiration of 15 days beginning on the date of the making of the order or such earlier date as the High Court, upon the request of the person to whom the order applies, directs.”,

(e) the substitution, in subsection (5), of the following paragraph for paragraph (a):

“(a) the order takes effect in accordance with subsection (3) (inserted by *section 76(d)* of the *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005*), or”,

(f) the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (7):

“(7) A person (to whom an order for the time being in force under this section applies) who is not surrendered to the issuing state in accordance with subsection (5) shall be released from custody immediately upon the expiration of the 10 days referred to in that subsection unless, upon such expiration, proceedings referred to in subsection (6) are pending.”,

and

(g) the substitution—

(i) in subsection (9), of “Subsections (7) and (8) shall not apply if” for “Subsection (8) shall not apply if”,

(ii) in paragraph (a)(ii) of that subsection, of “subsection (7) or (8)” for “subsection (8)”, and

(iii) in paragraph (b)(ii) of that subsection, of “subsection (7) or (8)” for “subsection (8)”,

and the said subsection (9) as so amended is set out in the Table to this paragraph.

#### TABLE

(9) Subsections (7) and (8) shall not apply if—

(a) (i) the person has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for an offence of which he or she was convicted in the State,

(ii) on the date on which he or she would, but for this subsection, be entitled to be released under subsection (7) or (8), all or part of the term of imprisonment remains unexpired, and

(iii) the person is required to serve all or part of the remainder of that term of imprisonment, or

(b) (i) the person has been charged with or convicted of an offence in the State,  
and

(ii) on the date on which he or she would, but for this paragraph, be entitled to be released from custody under subsection (7) or (8), he or she is required to be in custody by virtue of having been remanded in custody pending his or her being tried, or the imposition of sentence, in respect of that offence.

Amendment of  
section 18 of Act of  
2003.

**77.**—Section 18 of the Act of 2003 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection:

“(2A) Where the High Court decides to postpone a person's surrender under this section, it may remand the person in custody or on bail and, for that purpose, the High Court shall have the same powers in relation to remand as it would have if the person were brought before it charged with an indictable offence.”.

Amendment of  
section 20 of Act of  
2003.

**78.**—Section 20 of the Act of 2003 is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by the substitution of “issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate,” for “issuing judicial authority”, and

(b) in subsection (2), by the substitution of “issuing judicial authority or the issuing state, as may be appropriate,” for “issuing judicial authority”.

Refusal of surrender  
where no decision  
to prosecute.

**79.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the insertion of the following section:

“21A.—(1) Where a European arrest warrant is issued in the issuing state in respect of a person who has not been convicted of an offence specified therein, the High Court shall refuse to surrender the person if it is satisfied that a decision has not been made to charge the person with, and try him or her for, that offence in the issuing state.

(2) Where a European arrest warrant is issued in respect of a person who has not been convicted of an offence specified therein, it shall be presumed that a decision has been made to charge the person with, and try him or her for, that offence in the issuing state, unless the contrary is proved.”.

Rule of specialty.

**80.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 22:

“22.—(1) In this section, except where the context otherwise requires, ‘offence’ means, in relation to a person to whom a European arrest warrant applies, an offence (other than an offence specified in the European arrest warrant in respect of which the person's surrender is ordered under this Act) under the law of the issuing state committed before the person's surrender, but shall not include an offence consisting, in whole, of acts or omissions of which the offence specified in the European arrest warrant consists in whole or in part.

(2) Subject to this section, the High Court shall refuse to surrender a person under this Act if it is satisfied that—

(a) the law of the issuing state does not provide that a person who is surrendered to it pursuant to a European arrest warrant shall not be proceeded against, sentenced or detained for the purposes of executing a sentence or detention order, or otherwise restricted in his or her personal liberty, in respect of an offence, and

(b) the person will be proceeded against, sentenced, or detained for the purposes of executing a sentence or detention order, or otherwise restricted in his or her personal liberty, in respect of an offence.

(3) It shall be presumed that, in relation to a person to whom a European arrest warrant applies, the issuing state does not intend to—

(a) proceed against him or her,

- (b) sentence or detain him or her for a purpose referred to in subsection (2)(a), or
- (c) otherwise restrict him or her in his or her personal liberty,

in respect of an offence, unless the contrary is proved.

(4) The surrender of a person under this Act shall not be refused under subsection (2) if—

- (a) upon conviction in respect of the offence concerned he or she is not liable to a term of imprisonment or detention, or
- (b) the High Court is satisfied that, where upon such conviction he or she is liable to a term of imprisonment or detention and such other penalty as does not involve a restriction of his or her personal liberty, the said other penalty only will be imposed if he or she is convicted of the offence.

(5) The surrender of a person under this Act shall not be refused under subsection (2) if it is intended to impose in the issuing state a penalty (other than a penalty consisting of a restriction of the person's liberty) including a financial penalty in respect of an offence of which the person claimed has been convicted, notwithstanding that where such person fails or refuses to pay the penalty concerned (or, in the case of a penalty that is not a financial penalty, fails or refuses to submit to any measure or comply with any requirements of which the penalty consists) he or she may, under the law of the issuing state be detained or otherwise deprived of his or her personal liberty.

(6) The surrender of a person under this Act shall not be refused under subsection (2) if the High Court—

(a) is satisfied that—

- (i) proceedings will not be brought against the person in respect of an offence,
- (ii) a penalty will not be imposed on the person in respect of an offence, and
- (iii) the person will not be detained or otherwise restricted in his or her personal liberty for the purposes of an offence,

without the issuing judicial authority first obtaining the consent thereto of the High Court,

(b) is satisfied that—

- (i) the person consents to being surrendered under section 15,
- (ii) at the time of so consenting he or she consented to being so proceeded against, to such a penalty being imposed, or being so detained or restricted in his or her personal liberty, and was aware of the consequences of his or her so consenting, and
- (iii) the person obtained or was afforded the opportunity of obtaining, or being provided with, professional legal advice in relation to the matters to which this section relates,

(c) is satisfied that—

- (i) such proceedings will not be brought, such penalty will not be imposed and the person will not be so detained or otherwise restricted in his or her personal liberty before the expiration of a period of 45 days from the date of the person's final discharge in respect of the offence for which he or she is surrendered, and
- (ii) during that period he or she will be free to leave the issuing state,

except where having been so discharged he or she leaves the issuing state and later returns thereto (whether during that period or later), or

(d) is satisfied that such proceedings will not be brought, such penalty will not be imposed and the person will not be so detained or restricted in his or her personal liberty unless—

- (i) the person voluntarily gives his or her consent to being so proceeded against, such a penalty being imposed, or being so detained or restricted in his or her personal liberty, and is fully aware of the consequences of so doing,
- (ii) that consent is given before the competent judicial authority in the issuing state, and
- (iii) the person obtains or is afforded the opportunity of obtaining, or being provided with, professional legal advice in the issuing state in relation to the matters to which this section relates before he or she gives that consent.

(7) The High Court may, in relation to a person who has been surrendered to an issuing state under this Act, consent to—

- (a) proceedings being brought against the person in the issuing state for an offence,
- (b) the imposition in the issuing state of a penalty, including a penalty consisting of a restriction of the person's liberty, in respect of an offence, or
- (c) proceedings being brought against, or the detention of, the person in the issuing state for the purpose of executing a sentence or order of detention in respect of an offence,

upon receiving a request in writing from the issuing state in that behalf.

(8) The High Court shall not give its consent under subsection (7) if the offence concerned is an offence for which a person could not by virtue of Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto) be surrendered under this Act.”

Surrender of person  
by issuing state to  
other Member  
State.

**81.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 23:

“23.—(1) In this section, except where the context otherwise requires—

‘offence’ means, in relation to a person to whom a European arrest warrant applies, an offence under the law of a Member State (other than the issuing state) committed before the person's surrender to the issuing state under this Act; and

‘Member State’ means a Member State other than the issuing state.

(2) Subject to this section, the High Court shall refuse to surrender a person under this Act if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the law of the issuing state does not provide that a person who is surrendered to it pursuant to a European arrest warrant shall not be surrendered to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State in respect of an offence, and
- (b) the person will be surrendered to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State in respect of an offence.

(3) It shall be presumed that, in relation to a person to whom a European arrest warrant applies, the issuing state does not intend to surrender him or her to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State in respect of an offence, unless the contrary is proved.

(4) The surrender of a person under this Act shall not be refused under subsection (2) if the High Court—

- (a) is satisfied that the issuing judicial authority will not surrender the person to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State, without first obtaining the consent thereto of the High Court,

(b) is satisfied that—

- (i) the person consents to being surrendered under section 15,

(ii) at the time of so consenting he or she consented to being surrendered by the issuing state to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State, and was aware of the consequences of his or her so consenting, and

(iii) the person obtained or was afforded the opportunity of obtaining, or being provided with, professional legal advice in relation to the matters to which this section relates,

(c) is satisfied that—

(i) the person will not be surrendered by the issuing state to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State, before the expiration of a period of 45 days from the date of the person's final discharge in respect of the offence for which he or she is surrendered under this Act, and

(ii) during that period he or she will be free to leave the issuing state,

except where having been so discharged he or she leaves the issuing state and later returns thereto (whether during that period or later), or

(d) is satisfied that the person will not be surrendered to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State unless—

(i) the person voluntarily gives his or her consent to being so surrendered and is fully aware of the consequences of his or her so doing,

(ii) that consent is given before the competent judicial authority in the issuing state, and

(iii) the person obtains or is afforded the opportunity of obtaining, or being provided with, professional legal advice in the issuing state in relation to the matters to which this section relates before he or she gives that consent.

(5) The High Court may, in relation to a person who has been surrendered to an issuing state under this Act, consent to the person being surrendered by the issuing state to a Member State pursuant to a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in that Member State, upon receiving a request in writing from the issuing state in that behalf.

(6) The High Court shall not give its consent under subsection (5) if the offence concerned is an offence for which a person could not by virtue of Part 3 or the Framework Decision (including the recitals thereto) be surrendered under this Act.”

Extradition of  
person by issuing  
state to third state.

**82.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 24:

“24.—(1) The High Court shall refuse to surrender a person under this Act if it is satisfied that—

(a) the law of the issuing state does not provide that a person who is surrendered to it pursuant to a European arrest warrant shall not be extradited to a third country without the consent of the High Court and the Minister first being obtained, and

(b) the person will be extradited to a third country without such consent first being obtained.

(2) It shall be presumed that, in relation to a person to whom a European arrest warrant applies, the issuing state does not intend to extradite him or her to a third country, unless the contrary is proved.

(3) The issuing state may request, in writing, the High Court to consent to the extradition to a third country by the issuing state of a person surrendered to the issuing state under this Act.

(4) The High Court shall give its consent to a request under subsection (3) if it is satisfied that—

(a) were the person concerned in the State, and

(b) were a request for his or her extradition received in the State from the third country concerned,

his or her extradition pursuant to such a request would not be prohibited under the Extradition Acts 1965 to 2001.”.

Proceedings in the State.

**83.**—The Act of 2003 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 42:

“42.—A person shall not be surrendered under this Act if—

(a) the Director of Public Prosecutions or the Attorney General is considering, but has not yet decided, whether to bring proceedings against the person for an offence, or

(b) proceedings have been brought in the State against the person for an offence consisting of an act or omission of which the offence specified in the European arrest warrant issued in respect of him or her consists in whole or in part.”.

## Section 4.

## SCHEDULE 1

## PART 1

## TREOIRCHINNEADH ÓN gCOMHAIRLE 2002/475 CGB

an 13 Meitheamh 2002

maidir leis an sceimhlitheoireacht a chomhrac

## TÁ COMHAIRLE AN AONTAIS EORPAIGH,

Ag féachaint don Chonradh ag bunú an Aontais Eorpaigh, agus go háirithe Airteagal 29, Airteagal 31(e) agus Airteagal 34(2)(b) de,

Ag féachaint don togra ón gCoimisiún<sup>1</sup>,

Ag féachaint don Tuairim ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa<sup>2</sup>,

De bhrí:

(1) Go bhfuil an tAontas Eorpach fothaithe ar na luachanna uilechoiteanna arb iad dínit an duine, an tsaoirse, an comhionannas agus an dlúthpháirtíocht, an urraim do chearta an duine agus do shaoirsí bunúsacha. Tá sé bunaithe ar phrionsabal an daonlathais agus ar phrionsabal an smacht reachta, prionsabail is coiteann do na Ballstáit.

(2) Tá an sceimhlitheoireacht ar cheann de na sárúithe is tromchúisí ar na prionsabail sin. Daingníonn Dearbhú La Gomera arna ghlacadh ag an gcruinniú neamhhoirmiúil den Chomhairle ar an 14 Deireadh Fómhair 1995 go bhfuil an sceimhlitheoireacht ina bagairt ar an daonlathas, ar shaorfheidhmiú chearta an duine agus ar an bhforbraíocht eacnamaíoch agus sóisialta.

(3) Is páirtithe na Ballstáit uile nó cuid díobh i roinnt coinbhinsiún a bhaineann leis an sceimhlitheoireacht. De réir Choinbhinsiún Chomhairle na hEorpa an 27 Eanáir 1977 maidir leis an Sceimhlitheoireacht a Dhíothú ní cionta polaitiúla iad cionta sceimhlitheoireachta ná ní cionta iad atá bainteach le cionta polaitiúla ná ní tucaidí polaitiúla is siocair leo. Tá Coinbhinsiún maidir le buamála sceimhlitheoireachta a dhíothú an 15 Nollaig 1997 agus Coinbhinsiún maidir le maoiniú na sceimhlitheoireachta a dhíothú an 9 Nollaig 1999 glactha ag na Náisiúin Aontaithe. Tá dréachtchoinbhinsiún domhanda in aghaidh na sceimhlitheoireachta á dhréachtú faoi láthair sna Náisiúin Aontaithe.

(4) Ag leibhéal an Aontais Eorpaigh, ghlac an Chomhairle ar an 3 Nollaig 1998 Plean Gníomhaíochta na Comhairle agus an Choimisiún maidir leis an dóigh is fearr chun forálacha Chonradh Amstardam a chur chun feidhme a bhaineann le limistéar sairse, slándála agus ceartais<sup>3</sup>. Ba chóir aird a thabhairt freisin ar Chonclúidí ón gComhairle an 20 Meán Fómhair 2001 agus ar phlean gníomhaíochta chun an sceimhlitheoireacht a chomhrac ón gComhairle Eorpach Urghnách an 21 Meán Fómhair 2001. Rinneadh tagairt don sceimhlitheoireacht i gconclúidí ón gComhairle Eorpach in Tampere an 15 agus 16 Deireadh Fómhair 1999, agus ón gComhairle Eorpach in Santa María da Feira an 19 agus 20 Meitheamh 2000. Tá sí luaite freisin sa chumarsáid ón gCoimisiún chuig an gComhairle agus Parlaimint na hEorpa i dtaca le tabhairt suas chun dáta leathbhliantúil an scórchláir chun an dul chun cinn a athbhreithniú maidir le limistéar "saoirse, slándála agus ceartais" a chruthú san Aontas Eorpach (dara leath de 2000). Fairis sin, ar an 5 Meán Fómhair 2001 ghlac Parlaimint na hEorpa moladh maidir le ról an Aontais Eorpaigh sa chomhrac in aghaidh na sceimhlitheoireachta. Ina theannta sin, ba chóir a mheabhrú gur chomhairligh na príomhthíortha tionsclaithe (G7) agus an Rúis ar an 30 Iúil 1996 ag teacht le chéile dóibh i bPáras cúig bheart fichead chun an sceimhlitheoireacht a chomhrac.

(5) Tá an iliomad beart sonrath glactha ag an Aontas Eorpach chun an sceimhlitheoireacht agus an choiriúlacht eagraithe a chomhrac, amhail Cinneadh ón gComhairle an 3 Nollaig 1998 ag cur de chúram ar Europol déileáil le coireanna arna ndéanamh nó ar dóigh go ndéanfaí le linn gníomhaíochtaí sceimhlitheoireachta in aghaidh bheatha an duine, a iomláine coirp, sairse phearsanta nó maoin<sup>4</sup>; Gníomh Comhpháirteach 96/610/CGB ón gComhairle an 15

<sup>1</sup> IO C 332, 27.11.2001, Ich. 300.

<sup>2</sup> Tuairim a tugadh ar an 6 Feabhra 2002 (nach bhfuil foilsithe fós san Iris Oifigiúil).

<sup>3</sup> IO C 19, 23.1.1999, Ich. 1.

<sup>4</sup> IO C 26, 30.1.1999, Ich. 22.

Deireadh Fómhair 1996 maidir le clár d'inniúlachtaí, scileanna agus sainoilteacht frithsceimhlitheoireachta a chruthú agus a choimeád ar bun chun an comhar frithsceimhlitheoireachta idir na Ballstáit den Aontas Eorpach a éascú<sup>5</sup>; Gníomh Comhpháirteach 98/428/CGB ón gComhairle an 29 Meitheamh 1998 maidir le Gréasán Breithiúnach Eorpach a chruthú<sup>6</sup>, le freagrachtaí i leith cionta sceimhlitheoireachta, agus go háirithe Airteagal 2 de; Gníomh Comhpháirteach 98/733/CGB ón gComhairle an 21 Nollaig 1998 maidir le cion coiriúil a dhéanamh de rannpháirteachas in eagraíocht choiriúil sna Ballstáit den Aontas Eorpach<sup>7</sup>; agus Moladh ón gComhairle an 9 Nollaig 1999 maidir le comhar sa chomhrac in aghaidh grúpaí sceimhlitheoireachta a mhaoiniú.<sup>8</sup>

(6) Ba chóir comhfhogasú a dhéanamh i ngach Ballstát ar an sainmhíniú de chionta sceimhlitheoireachta, lena n-áirítear na cionta sin a bhaineann le grúpaí sceimhlitheoireachta. Fairis sin, ba chóir pionóis agus smachtbhannaí a léiríonn tromchúis na gcionta sin a leagan síos i leith daoine nádúrtha agus dlítheanacha a bhfuil cionta den sórt sin déanta acu nó atá freagrach as cionta den sórt sin.

(7) Ba chóir rialacha dlínse a bhunú chun a áirithiú gur féidir an cion sceimhlitheoireachta a ionchúiseamh go héifeachtach.

(8) Tá íospartaigh na gcionta sceimhlitheoireachta soghonta agus is gá mar sin bearta sonracha maidir leo.

(9) Toisc nach féidir leis na Ballstáit ag gníomhú go haontaobhach dóibh cuspóirí an ghnímh atá beartaithe a ghnóthú go leordhóthanach agus gur féidir mar sin, toisc an gá atá le cómhalmartú, na cuspóirí a ghnóthú níos fearr ag leibhéal an Aontais, féadfaidh an tAontas bearta a ghlacadh i gcomhréir le prionsabal na coimhdeachta. I gcomhréir le prionsabal na comhréireachta, ní théann an Treoirchinneadh seo thar mar is gá d'fhonn na cuspóirí sin a ghnóthú.

(10) Urramaíonn an Treoirchinneadh seo na cearta bunúsacha mar atá arna ráthú sa Choinbhinsiún Eorpach chun Cearta an Duine agus Saoirsí Bunúsacha a Chosaint agus faoi mar a fhabhraíonn siad sna traidisiúin bhunreachtúla is coiteann do na Ballstáit mar phrionsabail de dhlí an Chomhphobail. Urramaíonn an tAontas na prionsabail atá aitheanta in Airteagal 6(2) den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus atá le fáil freisin sa Chairt um Chearta Bunúsacha den Aontas Eorpach, go háirithe Caibidil VI de. Ní féidir aon ní sa Treoirchinneadh seo a fhorléiriú amhail is gurb é is aidhm dó cearta nó saoirsí bunúsacha a laghdú nó a shrianadh amhail an ceart chun dul ar stailc, an tsaoirse comhthionóil, comhlachais nó friotail, lena n-áirítear an ceart ag gach duine ceardchumainn a chur ar bun le daoine eile agus bheith ina bhall díobh chun a leasanna a chosaint, agus an ceart chun léirsiú atá gaolmhar leis.

(11) Gníomhartha arna ndéanamh ag fórsaí armtha le linn tréimhsí de choinbhleacht armtha, atá faoi rialú ag an dlí daonnachtúil idirnáisiúnta de réir bhrí na dtéarmaí sin faoin dlí sin, agus gníomhartha arna ndéanamh ag fórsaí armtha an Stáit agus a ndualgais oifigiúla á bhfeidhmiú acu, a mhéad atá siad faoi rialú ag rialacha eile den dlí idirnáisiúnta, níl siad faoi rialú ag an Treoirchinneadh seo,

TAR ÉIS AN TREOIRCHINNEADH SEO A GHLACADH:

### *Airteagal 1*

#### **Cionta sceimhlitheoireachta agus cearta agus prionsabail bunúsacha**

1. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar na gníomhartha intinneacha dá dtagraítear thíos i bpointí (a) go (i), mar atá siad sainithe mar chionta faoin dlí náisiúnta, a fhéadfaidh mar gheall ar a gcineál nó a gcomhthéacs, tír nó eagraíocht idirnáisiúnta a dhochrú go tromchúiseach má dhéantar iad d'fhonn:

— pobal a imeaglú go tromchúiseach, nó

<sup>5</sup> IO L 273, 25.10.1996, Ich. 1.

<sup>6</sup> IO L 191, 7.7.1998, Ich. 4.

<sup>7</sup> IO L 351, 29.12.1998, Ich. 1.

<sup>8</sup> IO C 373, 23.12.1999, Ich. 1.

- iallach a chur go míchuí ar rialtas nó eagraíocht idirnáisiúnta gníomh a dhéanamh nó staonadh ó ghníomh a dhéanamh, nó
- na struchtúir bhunúsacha sóisialta, eacnamaíocha, bunreachtúla nó polaitiúla i dtír nó in eagraíocht idirnáisiúnta a dhíchobhsú go tromchúiseach nó a mhilleadh,

a mheas mar chionta sceimhlitheoireachta:

- (a) ionsaithe ar bheatha an duine a fhéadfaidh a bheith ina dtrúig bháis;
- (b) ionsaithe ar iomláine coirp an duine;
- (c) fuadach nó giall a ghabháil;
- (d) cur faoi deara saoráid rialtais nó poiblí, córas iompair, saoráid bonneagair, lena n-áirítear saoráid faisnéise, ardán fosaitheach arna shuíomh ar an scairbh ilchríochach, ionad poiblí nó maoin phríobháideach a léirscrios ar dóigh dó beatha an duine a chur i gcontúirt nó mórchaillteanas eacnamaíoch a dhéanamh;
- (e) aerárthaigh, longa nó córacha eile iompair daoine nó earraí a ghabháil;
- (f) airm, pléascáin nó airm núicléacha bitheolaíocha nó ceimiceacha a mhonarú, a shealbhú, a fháil, a iompar, a sholáthar nó a úsáid, agus taighde a dhéanamh ar airm bhitheolaíocha agus ceimiceacha agus iad a fhorbairt;
- (g) substaintí contúirteacha a scaoileadh nó bheith ina shiocair tinte, tuilte nó pléascán arb é is éifeacht dóibh beatha an duine a chur i gcontúirt;
- (h) cur isteach ar sholáthar uisce, cumhachta nó aon bhunacmhainne nádúrtha eile nó iad a réabadh arb é is éifeacht dóibh beatha an duine a chur i gcontúirt;
- (i) bheith ag bagairt aon cheann de na gníomhartha atá liostaithe in (a) go (h) a dhéanamh.

2. Ní bheidh d'éifeacht ag an Treoirchinneadh seo an oibleagáid a athrú cearta bunúsacha agus prionsabail dlí bunúsacha a urramú mar atá siad leagtha amach in Airteagal 6 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach.

### Airteagal 2

#### Cionta a bhaineann le grúpa sceimhlitheoireachta

1. Chun críocha an Treoirchinnidh seo, ciallaíonn “grúpa sceimhlitheoireachta” grúpa struchtúrtha ina bhfuil beirt nó níos mó, arna bhunú thar tréimhse ama agus a ghníomhaíonn ar dhóigh chomhbheartaithe chun cionta sceimhlitheoireachta a dhéanamh. Ciallaíonn “grúpa struchtúrtha” grúpa nach gcuirtear le chéile de thaisme chun cion a dhéanamh láithreach agus nach gá go bhfuil rólanna arna sainiú go foirmiúil aige dá chuid ball, leanúnachas ballraíochta ná struchtúr forbartha.

2. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go bhfuil na gníomhartha intinneacha seo a leanas inphionóis:

- (a) grúpa sceimhlitheoireachta a stiúradh;
- (b) bheith rannpháirteach i ngníomhaíochtaí grúpa sceimhlitheoireachta, go fiú trí fhaisnéis nó acmhainní ábhartha a sholáthar, nó trína ghníomhaíochtaí a mhaoiniú ar aon dóigh, agus a bheith ar an eolas go rannchuideoidh an rannpháirteachas sin le gníomhaíochtaí coiriúla an ghrúpa sceimhlitheoireachta.

### Airteagal 3

#### Cionta atá nasctha le gníomhaíochtaí sceimhlitheoireachta

Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú gur féidir na gníomhartha seo a leanas a áireamh ar na cionta atá nasctha leis an sceimhlitheoireacht:

- (a) tromghoid d'fhonn ceann de na gníomhartha atá liostaithe in Airteagal 1(1) a dhéanamh;
- (b) sracaireacht d'fhonn ceann de na gníomhartha atá liostaithe in Airteagal 1(1) a dhéanamh;
- (c) doiciméid riarthacha bréagacha a tharraingt suas d'fhonn ceann de na gníomhartha atá liostaithe in Airteagal 1(1)(a) go (h) agus Airteagal 2(2)(b) a dhéanamh.

#### *Airteagal 4*

#### **Gríosú, cabhrú nó neartú, agus iarracht**

1. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar inphionóis an gníomh chun gríosú nó cabhrú nó neartú le cion a dhéanamh dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 1(1), Airteagail 2 nó 3.

2. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar inphionóis an iarracht chun cion a dhéanamh dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 1(1) agus Airteagal 3, amach ó shealbhú dá bhforáiltear in Airteagal 1(1)(f), agus an cion dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 1(1)(i).

#### *Airteagal 5*

#### **Pionóis**

1. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar inphionóis na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 le pionóis choiriúla atá éifeachtach, comhréireach agus athchomhairleach ar a bhfuil an t-eiseachadadh le háireamh.

2. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar inphionóis na cionta sceimhlitheoireachta dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 1(1) agus na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 4, a mhéad a bhaineann siad le cionta sceimhlitheoireachta, le pianbhreitheanna faoi choimeád is troime ná na pianbhreitheanna is infhorchurtha faoin dlí náisiúnta i leith cionta den sórt sin nuair nach bhfuil an intinn speisialta ann atá riachtanach de bhun Airteagal 1(1), ach amháin nuair atá na pianbhreitheanna is infhorchurtha ar na huasphianbhreitheanna is féidir faoin dlí náisiúnta.

3. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go ndéantar inphionóis na cionta atá liostaithe in Airteagal 2 le pianbhreitheanna faoi choimeád, le huasphianbhreith nach lú ná cúig bliana déag i leith an chionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 2(2)(a), agus le huasphianbhreith nach lú ná ocht mbliana i leith na gcionta atá liostaithe in Airteagal 2(2)(b). A mhéad nach dtagraíonn an cion atá luaite in Airteagal 2 (2)(a) ach don ghníomh in Airteagal 1(1)(i), ní lú ná ocht mbliana an uasphianbhreith.

#### *Airteagal 6*

#### **Imthosca ar leith**

Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú gur féidir na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 5 a laghdú má dhéanann an ciontóir:

- (a) gníomhaíocht sceimhlitheoireachta a thréigean, agus
- (b) faisnéis a sholáthar do na húdaráis riarthacha nó breithiúnacha nach dtiocfadh leo a fháil ar a mhalairt de dhóigh, ag cuidiú leo:
  - (i) éifeachtaí an chionta a chosc nó a mhaolú;
  - (ii) na ciontóirí eile a shainnithint nó a thabhairt os comhair an dlí;
  - (iii) fianaise a aimsiú; nó
  - (iv) cionta eile dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 a chosc.

*Airteagal 7***Dliteanas daoine dlítheanacha**

1. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú gur féidir daoine dlítheanacha a chur faoi dhliteanas maidir le haon cheann de na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 arna dhéanamh ar mhaithe leo ag aon duine, ag gníomhú dó go leithleach nó mar chuid d'orgán an duine dlítheanaigh, a bhfuil ionad ceannaireachta aige laistigh den duine dlítheanach, arna bhunú ar cheann de na nithe seo a leanas:

- (a) cumhacht ionadaíochta thar ceann an duine dlítheanaigh;
- (b) údarás chun cinntí a ghlacadh thar ceann an duine dlítheanaigh,
- (c) údarás chun rialú a fheidhmiú laistigh den duine dlítheanach.

2. Ach amháin sna cásanna dá bhforáiltear i mír 1, glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú gur féidir daoine dlítheanacha a chur faoi dhliteanas nuair is mar gheall ar ghanntanas maoirseachta nó rialú ag duine dá dtagraítear i mír 1 a dhéantar na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 ar mhaithe leis an duine dlítheanach sin ag duine faoina údarás.

3. Dliteanas de chuid daoine dlítheanacha faoi mhíreanna 1 agus 2, ní eisíofaídh sé imeachtaí coiriúla in aghaidh daoine nádúrtha is déantóirí, gríosóirí nó cúlpháirtithe in aon cheann de na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4.

*Airteagal 8***Pionóis in aghaidh daoine dlítheanacha**

Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a áirithiú go bhfuil duine dlítheanach atá faoi dhliteanas de bhun Airteagal 7 inphionóis le pionóis atá éifeachtach, comhréireach agus athchomhairleach lena n-áirítear fineálacha coiriúla nó neamhchoiriúla agus ar a mbeidh pionóis eile le háireamh, amhail:

- (a) eisiamh ó bheith i dteideal sochair nó cabhair poiblí a fháil;
- (b) dícháiliúchán sealadach nó buan ó ghníomhaíochtaí tráchtála a chleachtadh;
- (c) cur faoi mhaoirseacht bhreithiúnach;
- (d) ordú um foirceannadh breithiúnach;
- (e) bunaíochtaí a dhúnadh go sealadach nó go buan a úsáideadh chun an cion a dhéanamh.

*Airteagal 9***Dlíne agus ionchúiseamh**

1. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a dhlínse a bhunú maidir leis na cionta uile dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 nuair:

- (a) a dhéantar an cion go hiomlán nó go páirteach ar a chríoch. Féadfaidh gach Ballstát a dhlínse a fhairsingiú má dhéantar an cion ar chríoch de chuid Ballstáit;
- (b) a dhéantar an cion ar bord loinge a bhfuil a bratach ar foluain aici nó ar aerárthach atá cláraithe ansin;
- (c) is náisiúnach nó cónaitheoir dá chuid an ciontóir;
- (d) a dhéantar an cion ar mhaithe le duine dlítheanach atá bunaithe ar a chríoch;
- (e) a dhéantar an cion in aghaidh institiúidí nó phobal an Bhallstáit i gceist nó in aghaidh institiúid den Aontas Eorpach nó comhlacht arna chur ar bun i gcomhréir leis an

gConradh ag bunú an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh nó leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus a bhfuil a shuíomh aige sa Bhallstát sin.

2. Nuair a thiteann cion faoi dhlínse Ballstát amháin nó níos mó agus nuair is féidir le haon cheann de na Ballstáit i dtrácht ionchúiseamh go bailí ar bhonn na bhfóras céanna, rachaidh na Ballstáit i dtrácht i gcomhar le chéile chun a chinneadh cé acu ceann a dhéanfaidh na ciontóirí a ionchúiseamh ionas, más féidir, na himeachtaí a lárú in aon Bhallstát amháin. Chuige sin, féadfaidh na Ballstáit dul ar iontaoibh aon chomhlacht nó meicníocht atá bunaithe san Aontas Eorpach d'fhonn an comhar idir na húdaráis bhreithiúnacha a éascú agus a ngníomhaíocht a chomhordú. Tabharfar aird ar dhóigh leanúnach ar na cúinsí seo a leanas:

- is é an Ballstát an Ballstát ar a chríoch a rinneadh na gníomhartha,
- is é an Ballstát an Ballstát ar náisiúnach nó cónaitheoir dá chuid an déantóir,
- is é an Ballstát Ballstát tionscnaimh na n-íospartach,
- is é an Ballstát an Ballstát ar a chríoch a fuarthas an déantóir.

3. Glacfaidh gach Ballstát na bearta is gá chun a dhlínse a bhunú freisin maidir leis na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 1 go 4 i gcásanna nuair a dhiúltaíonn sé duine faoi amhras ciona nó duine arna chiontú i gcion den sórt sin a ghéilleadh nó a eiseachadadh chuig Ballstát eile nó chuig tríú tír.

4. Déanfaidh gach Ballstát a áirithiú go bhfolaíonn a dhlínse cásanna ina ndearnadh aon cheann de na cionta dá dtagraítear in Airteagail 2 agus 4 go hiomlán nó go páirteach ar a chríoch, is cuma cá bhfuil an grúpa sceimhlitheoireachta bunaithe nó cá saothraíonn sé a chuid gníomhaíochtaí coiriúla.

5. Ní eisiafaidh an tAirteagal seo dlínse a fheidhmiú in ábhair choiriúla mar atá arna leagan síos ag Ballstát i gcomhréir lena reachtaíocht náisiúnta.

#### Airteagal 10

##### Íospartaigh a chosaint agus cuidiú leo

1. Déanfaidh na Ballstáit a áirithiú nach bhfuil imscrúduithe ar na cionta nó ionchúiseamh na gcionta atá folaithe sa Treoirchinneadh seo ag brath ar thuarascáil nó cúiseamh ó dhuine is íospartach, ar a laghad má rinneadh na gníomhartha ar chríoch an Bhallstáit.

2. I dteannta leis na bearta atá leagtha síos i dTreoirchinneadh 2001/220/CGB ón gComhairle an 15 Márta 2001 maidir le seasamh na n-íospartach in imeachtaí coiriúla<sup>1</sup>, glacfaidh gach Ballstát, más gá, gach beart is féidir chun cúnaimh iomchuí a áirithiú do theaghlaigh na n-íospartach.

#### Airteagal 11

##### Cur chun feidhme agus tuarascálacha

1. Glacfaidh na Ballstáit na bearta is gá chun an Treoirchinneadh seo a chomhlíonadh faoi cheann 31 Nollaig 2002.

2. Faoi cheann 31 Nollaig 2002, díreoidh na Ballstáit chuig ArdRúnaíocht na Comhairle agus chuig an gCoimisiún téacs na bhforálacha a thrasuíonn ina ndlí náisiúnta na hoibleagáidí arna bhforchur orthu faoin Treoirchinneadh seo. Ar bhonn tuarascáil arna tarraingt suas ar an bhfaisnéis sin agus ar bhonn tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún, measúnóidh an Chomhairle, faoi cheann 31 Nollaig 2003, an bhfuil na bearta is gá glactha ag na Ballstáit chun an Treoirchinneadh seo a chomhlíonadh.

3. Sonróidh an tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún, ach go háirithe, trasú na hoibleagáide dá dtagraítear in Airteagal 5(2) i ndlí coiriúil na mBallstát.

#### Airteagal 12

<sup>1</sup> IO L82, 22.3.2001, Ich. 1.

**Cur i bhfeidhm críochach**

Beidh an treoirchinneadh seo infheidhme ar Ghiobráltar.

*Airteagal 13***Teacht i bhfeidhm**

Tiocfaidh an Treoirchinneadh seo i bhfeidhm ar lá a fhoilsithe in Iris Oifigiúil na gComhphobal Eorpach.

Arna dhéanamh i Lucsamburg, an 13 Meitheamh 2002.

Thar ceann na Comhairle  
An tUachtarán  
M. RAJOY BREY

**PART 2**

*(Acts adopted pursuant to Title VI of the Treaty on European Union)*

**COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION**

**of 13 June 2002**

**on combating terrorism**

(2002/475/JHA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Union, and in particular Article 29, Article 31(e) and Article 34(2)(b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>2</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) The European Union is founded on the universal values of human dignity, liberty, equality and solidarity, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is based on the principle of democracy and the principle of the rule of law, principles which are common to the Member States.

(2) Terrorism constitutes one of the most serious violations of those principles. The La Gomera Declaration adopted at the informal Council meeting on 14 October 1995 affirmed that terrorism constitutes a threat to democracy, to the free exercise of human rights and to economic and social development.

(3) All or some Member States are party to a number of conventions relating to terrorism. The Council of Europe Convention of 27 January 1977 on the Suppression of Terrorism does not regard terrorist offences as political offences or as offences connected with political offences or as offences inspired by political motives. The United Nations has adopted the Convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings of 15 December 1997 and the Convention for the suppression of financing terrorism of 9 December 1999. A draft global Convention against terrorism is currently being negotiated within the United Nations.

(4) At European Union level, on 3 December 1998 the Council adopted the Action Plan of the Council and the Commission on how best to implement the provisions of the Treaty of

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 332 E, 27.11.2001, p. 300.

<sup>2</sup> Opinion delivered on 6 February 2002 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Amsterdam on an area of freedom, security and justice<sup>3</sup>. Account should also be taken of the Council Conclusions of 20 September 2001 and of the Extra-ordinary European Council plan of action to combat terrorism of 21 September 2001. Terrorism was referred to in the conclusions of the Tampere European Council of 15 and 16 October 1999, and of the Santa Maria da Feira European Council of 19 and 20 June 2000. It was also mentioned in the Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament on the biannual update of the score-board to review progress on the creation of an area of 'freedom, security and justice' in the European Union (second half of 2000). Furthermore, on 5 September 2001 the European Parliament adopted a recommendation on the role of the European Union in combating terrorism. It should, moreover, be recalled that on 30 July 1996 twenty-five measures to fight against terrorism were advocated by the leading industrialised countries (G7) and Russia meeting in Paris.

(5) The European Union has adopted numerous specific measures having an impact on terrorism and organised crime, such as the Council Decision of 3 December 1998 instructing Europol to deal with crimes committed or likely to be committed in the course of terrorist activities against life, limb, personal freedom or property<sup>4</sup>; Council Joint Action 96/610/JHA of 15 October 1996 concerning the creation and maintenance of a Directory of specialised counter-terrorist competences, skills and expertise to facilitate counter-terrorist cooperation between the Member States of the European Union<sup>5</sup>; Council Joint Action 98/428/JHA of 29 June 1998 on the creation of a European Judicial Network<sup>6</sup>, with responsibilities in terrorist offences, in particular Article 2; Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA of 21 December 1998 on making it a criminal offence to participate in a criminal organisation in the Member States of the European Union<sup>7</sup>; and the Council Recommendation of 9 December 1999 on cooperation in combating the financing of terrorist groups<sup>8</sup>.

(6) The definition of terrorist offences should be approximated in all Member States, including those offences relating to terrorist groups. Furthermore, penalties and sanctions should be provided for natural and legal persons having committed or being liable for such offences, which reflect the seriousness of such offences.

(7) Jurisdictional rules should be established to ensure that the terrorist offence may be effectively prosecuted.

(8) Victims of terrorist offences are vulnerable, and therefore specific measures are necessary with regard to them.

(9) Given that the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States unilaterally, and can therefore, because of the need for reciprocity, be better achieved at the level of the Union, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, this Framework Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

(10) This Framework Decision respects fundamental rights as guaranteed by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and as they emerge from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States as principles of Community law. The Union observes the principles recognised by Article 6(2) of the Treaty on European Union and reflected in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, notably Chapter VI thereof. Nothing in this Framework Decision may be interpreted as being intended to reduce or restrict fundamental rights or freedoms such as the right to strike, freedom of assembly, of association or of expression, including the right of everyone to form and to join trade unions with others for the protection of his or her interests and the related right to demonstrate.

(11) Actions by armed forces during periods of armed conflict, which are governed by international humanitarian law within the meaning of these terms under that law, and, inasmuch as they are governed by other rules of international law, actions by the armed forces of a State in the exercise of their official duties are not governed by this Framework Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS FRAMEWORK DECISION:

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 19, 23.1.1999, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 26, 30.1.1999, p. 22.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 273, 25.10.1996, p. 1.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 4.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 1.

<sup>8</sup> OJ C 373, 23.12.1999, p. 1.

*Article 1***Terrorist offences and fundamental rights and principles**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the intentional acts referred to below in points (a) to (i), as defined as offences under national law, which, given their nature or context, may seriously damage a country or an international organisation where committed with the aim of:

- seriously intimidating a population, or
- unduly compelling a Government or international organisation to perform or abstain from performing any act, or
- seriously destabilising or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a country or an international organisation,

shall be deemed to be terrorist offences:

- (a) attacks upon a person's life which may cause death;
- (b) attacks upon the physical integrity of a person;
- (c) kidnapping or hostage taking;
- (d) causing extensive destruction to a Government or public facility, a transport system, an infrastructure facility, including an information system, a fixed platform located on the continental shelf, a public place or private property likely to endanger human life or result in major economic loss;
- (e) seizure of aircraft, ships or other means of public or goods transport;
- (f) manufacture, possession, acquisition, transport, supply or use of weapons, explosives or of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons, as well as research into, and development of, biological and chemical weapons;
- (g) release of dangerous substances, or causing fires, floods or explosions the effect of which is to endanger human life;
- (h) interfering with or disrupting the supply of water, power or any other fundamental natural resource the effect of which is to endanger human life;
- (i) threatening to commit any of the acts listed in (a) to (h).

2. This Framework Decision shall not have the effect of altering the obligation to respect fundamental rights and fundamental legal principles as enshrined in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union.

*Article 2***Offences relating to a terrorist group**

1. For the purposes of this Framework Decision, 'terrorist group' shall mean: a structured group of more than two persons, established over a period of time and acting in concert to commit terrorist offences. 'Structured group' shall mean a group that is not randomly formed for the immediate commission of an offence and that does not need to have formally defined roles for its members, continuity of its membership or a developed structure.

2. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the following intentional acts are punishable:

- (a) directing a terrorist group;
- (b) participating in the activities of a terrorist group, including by supplying information or material resources, or by funding its activities in any way, with knowledge of the

fact that such participation will contribute to the criminal activities of the terrorist group.

*Article 3*

**Offences linked to terrorist activities**

Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that terrorist-linked offences include the following acts:

- (a) aggravated theft with a view to committing one of the acts listed in Article 1(1);
- (b) extortion with a view to the perpetration of one of the acts listed in Article 1(1);
- (c) drawing up false administrative documents with a view to committing one of the acts listed in Article 1(1)(a) to (h) and Article 2(2)(b).

*Article 4*

**Inciting, aiding or abetting, and attempting**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that inciting or aiding or abetting an offence referred to in Article 1(1), Articles 2 or 3 is made punishable.

2. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that attempting to commit an offence referred to in Article 1(1) and Article 3, with the exception of possession as provided for in Article 1(1)(f) and the offence referred to in Article 1(1)(i), is made punishable.

*Article 5*

**Penalties**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4 are punishable by effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal penalties, which may entail extradition.

2. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the terrorist offences referred to in Article 1(1) and offences referred to in Article 4, inasmuch as they relate to terrorist offences, are punishable by custodial sentences heavier than those imposable under national law for such offences in the absence of the special intent required pursuant to Article 1(1), save where the sentences imposable are already the maximum possible sentences under national law.

3. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that offences listed in Article 2 are punishable by custodial sentences, with a maximum sentence of not less than fifteen years for the offence referred to in Article 2(2)(a), and for the offences listed in Article 2(2)(b) a maximum sentence of not less than eight years. In so far as the offence referred to in Article 2(2)(a) refers only to the act in Article 1(1)(i), the maximum sentence shall not be less than eight years.

*Article 6*

**Particular circumstances**

Each Member State may take the necessary measures to ensure that the penalties referred to in Article 5 may be reduced if the offender:

- (a) renounces terrorist activity, and

- (b) provides the administrative or judicial authorities with information which they would not otherwise have been able to obtain, helping them to:
- (i) prevent or mitigate the effects of the offence;
  - (ii) identify or bring to justice the other offenders;
  - (iii) find evidence; or
  - (iv) prevent further offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4.

*Article 7*

**Liability of legal persons**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that legal persons can be held liable for any of the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4 committed for their benefit by any person, acting either individually or as part of an organ of the legal person, who has a leading position within the legal person, based on one of the following:

- (a) a power of representation of the legal person;
- (b) an authority to take decisions on behalf of the legal person;
- (c) an authority to exercise control within the legal person.

2. Apart from the cases provided for in paragraph 1, each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that legal persons can be held liable where the lack of supervision or control by a person referred to in paragraph 1 has made possible the commission of any of the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4 for the benefit of that legal person by a person under its authority.

3. Liability of legal persons under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not exclude criminal proceedings against natural persons who are perpetrators, instigators or accessories in any of the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4.

*Article 8*

**Penalties for legal persons**

Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that a legal person held liable pursuant to Article 7 is punishable by effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties, which shall include criminal or non-criminal fines and may include other penalties, such as:

- (a) exclusion from entitlement to public benefits or aid;
- (b) temporary or permanent disqualification from the practice of commercial activities;
- (c) placing under judicial supervision;
- (d) a judicial winding-up order;
- (e) temporary or permanent closure of establishments which have been used for committing the offence.

*Article 9*

**Jurisdiction and prosecution**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to establish its jurisdiction over the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4 where:

- (a) the offence is committed in whole or in part in its territory. Each Member State may extend its jurisdiction if the offence is committed in the territory of a Member State;
- (b) the offence is committed on board a vessel flying its flag or an aircraft registered there;
- (c) the offender is one of its nationals or residents;
- (d) the offence is committed for the benefit of a legal person established in its territory;
- (e) the offence is committed against the institutions or people of the Member State in question or against an institution of the European Union or a body set up in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community or the Treaty on European Union and based in that Member State.

2. When an offence falls within the jurisdiction of more than one Member State and when any of the States concerned can validly prosecute on the basis of the same facts, the Member States concerned shall cooperate in order to decide which of them will prosecute the offenders with the aim, if possible, of centralising proceedings in a single Member State. To this end, the Member States may have recourse to any body or mechanism established within the European Union in order to facilitate cooperation between their judicial authorities and the coordination of their action. Sequential account shall be taken of the following factors:

- the Member State shall be that in the territory of which the acts were committed,
- the Member State shall be that of which the perpetrator is a national or resident,
- the Member State shall be the Member State of origin of the victims,
- the Member State shall be that in the territory of which the perpetrator was found.

3. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures also to establish its jurisdiction over the offences referred to in Articles 1 to 4 in cases where it refuses to hand over or extradite a person suspected or convicted of such an offence to another Member State or to a third country.

4. Each Member State shall ensure that its jurisdiction covers cases in which any of the offences referred to in Articles 2 and 4 has been committed in whole or in part within its territory, wherever the terrorist group is based or pursues its criminal activities.

5. This Article shall not exclude the exercise of jurisdiction in criminal matters as laid down by a Member State in accordance with its national legislation.

#### *Article 10*

##### **Protection of, and assistance to, victims**

1. Member States shall ensure that investigations into, or prosecution of, offences covered by this Framework Decision are not dependent on a report or accusation made by a person subjected to the offence, at least if the acts were committed on the territory of the Member State.

2. In addition to the measures laid down in the Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA of 15 March 2001 on the standing of victims in criminal proceedings<sup>1</sup>, each Member State shall, if necessary, take all measures possible to ensure appropriate assistance for victims' families.

#### *Article 11*

##### **Implementation and reports**

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Framework Decision by 31 December 2002.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 82, 22.3.2001, p. 1.

2. By 31 December 2002, Member States shall forward to the General Secretariat of the Council and to the Commission the text of the provisions transposing into their national law the obligations imposed on them under this Framework Decision. On the basis of a report drawn up from that information and a report from the Commission, the Council shall assess, by 31 December 2003, whether Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with this Framework Decision.

3. The Commission report shall specify, in particular, transposition into the criminal law of the Member States of the obligation referred to in Article 5(2).

*Article 12*

**Territorial application**

This Framework Decision shall apply to Gibraltar.

*Article 13*

**Entry into force**

This Framework Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 June 2002.

*For the Council  
The President  
M. RAJOY BREY*

F20[SCHEDULE 1A

**Council Framework Decision 2008/919/JHA**

**of 28 november 2008**

**amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism**

The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29, Article 31(1) (e) and Article 34(2) (b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>1</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) Terrorism constitutes one of the most serious violations of the universal values of human dignity, liberty, equality and solidarity, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms on which the European Union is founded. It also represents one of the most serious attacks on democracy and the rule of law, principles which are common to the Member States and on which the European Union is based.

(2) Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism <sup>2</sup> is the basis of the counter-terrorist policy of the European Union. The achievement of a legal

<sup>1</sup> Not yet published in the Official Journal.

<sup>2</sup> O.J. L164, 22.6.2002, p.3.

framework common to all Member States, and in particular, of a harmonised definition of terrorist offences, has allowed the counter-terrorism policy of the European Union to develop and expand, subject to the respect of fundamental rights and the rule of law.

(3) The terrorist threat has grown and rapidly evolved in recent years, with changes in the modus operandi of terrorist activists and supporters including the replacement of structured and hierarchical groups by semi-autonomous cells loosely tied to each other. Such cells inter-link international networks and increasingly rely on the use of new technologies, in particular the Internet.

(4) The Internet is used to inspire and mobilise local terrorist networks and individuals in Europe and also serves as a source of information on terrorist means and methods, thus functioning as a 'virtual training camp'. Activities of public provocation to commit terrorist offences, recruitment for terrorism and training for terrorism have multiplied at very low cost and risk.

(5) The Hague Programme on strengthening freedom, security and justice in the European Union, adopted by the European Council on 5 November 2004, underlines that effective prevention and combating of terrorism in full compliance with fundamental rights requires Member States not to confine their activities to maintaining their own security, but to focus also on the security of the Union as a whole.

(6) The Council and Commission Action Plan implementing the Hague Programme on strengthening freedom, security and justice in the European Union<sup>3</sup>, recalls that a global response is required to address terrorism and that the expectations that citizens have of the Union cannot be ignored, nor can the Union fail to respond to them. In addition, it states that attention must focus on different aspects of prevention, preparedness and response to further enhance, and where necessary complement, Member States' capabilities to fight terrorism, concentrating particularly on recruitment, financing, risk analysis, protection of critical infrastructures and consequence management.

(7) This Framework Decision provides for the criminalisation of offences linked to terrorist activities in order to contribute to the more general policy objective of preventing terrorism through reducing the dissemination of those materials which might incite persons to commit terrorist attacks.

(8) United Nations Security Council Resolution 1624 (2005) calls upon States to take measures that are necessary and appropriate, and in accordance with their obligations under international law, to prohibit by law incitement to commit terrorist act or acts and to prevent such conduct. The report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations 'Uniting against terrorism: recommendations for a global counter-terrorism strategy' of 27 April 2006, interprets the above-mentioned Resolution as providing for a basis for the criminalisation of incitement to terrorist acts and recruitment, including through the Internet. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy of 8 September 2006 mentions that the Member States of the UN resolve to explore ways and means to coordinate efforts at the international and regional level to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations on the Internet.

(9) The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism establishes the obligations of States parties thereto to criminalise public provocation to commit a terrorist offence and recruitment and training for terrorism, when committed unlawfully and intentionally.

(10) The definition of terrorist offences, including offences linked to terrorist activities, should be further approximated in all Member States, so that it covers public provocation to commit a terrorist offence, recruitment for terrorism and training for terrorism, when committed intentionally.

(11) Penalties should be provided for natural persons having intentionally committed or legal persons held liable for public provocation to commit terrorist offences, recruitment for terrorism and training for terrorism. These forms of behaviour should be equally punishable in all Member States irrespective of whether they are committed through the Internet or not.

(12) Given that the objectives of this Framework Decision cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States unilaterally, and can therefore, because of the need for European-wide harmonised rules, be better achieved at the level of the Union, the Union may adopt measures,

<sup>3</sup> O.J. C198, 12.8.2005, p.1.

in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, as set out in Article 5 of the EC Treaty and referred to in Article 2 of the EU Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in Article 5 of the EC Treaty, this Framework Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

(13) The Union observes the principles recognised by Article 6(2) of the EU Treaty and reflected in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, notably Chapters II and VI thereof. Nothing in this Framework Decision may be interpreted as being intended to reduce or restrict fundamental rights or freedoms such as freedom of expression, assembly, or of association, the right to respect for private and family life, including the right to respect of the confidentiality of correspondence.

(14) Public provocation to commit terrorist offences, recruitment for terrorism and training for terrorism are intentional crimes. Therefore, nothing in this Framework Decision may be interpreted as being intended to reduce or restrict the dissemination of information for scientific, academic or reporting purposes. The expression of radical, polemic or controversial views in the public debate on sensitive political questions, including terrorism, falls outside the scope of this Framework Decision and, in particular, of the definition of public provocation to commit terrorist offences.

(15) The implementation of the criminalisation under this Framework Decision should be proportional to the nature and circumstances of the offence, with respect to the legitimate aims pursued and to their necessity in a democratic society, and should exclude any form of arbitrariness or discrimination,

HAS ADOPTED THIS FRAMEWORK DECISION:

*Article 1*

**Amendments**

Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA shall be amended as follows:

1. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

*'Article 3*

**Offences linked to terrorist activities**

1. For the purposes of this Framework Decision:

- (a) "public provocation to commit a terrorist offence" shall mean the distribution, or otherwise making available, of a message to the public, with the intent to incite the commission of one of the offences listed in Article 1(1)(a) to (h), where such conduct, whether or not directly advocating terrorist offences, causes a danger that one or more such offences may be committed;
- (b) "recruitment for terrorism" shall mean soliciting another person to commit one of the offences listed in Article 1(1)(a) to (h), or in Article 2(2);
- (c) "training for terrorism" shall mean providing instruction in the making or use of explosives, firearms or other weapons or noxious or hazardous substances, or in other specific methods or techniques, for the purpose of committing one of the offences listed in Article 1(1)(a) to (h), knowing that the skills provided are intended to be used for this purpose.

2. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that offences linked to terrorist activities include the following intentional acts:

- (a) public provocation to commit a terrorist offence;
- (b) recruitment for terrorism;
- (c) training for terrorism;
- (d) aggravated theft with a view to committing one of the offences listed in Article 1(1);

(e) extortion with a view to the perpetration of one of the offences listed in Article 1(1);

(f) drawing up false administrative documents with a view to committing one of the offences listed in Article 1(1)(a) to (h) and Article 2(2)(b).

3. For an act as set out in paragraph 2 to be punishable, it shall not be necessary that a terrorist offence be actually committed.'

2. Article 4 shall be replaced by the following:

*'Article 4*

**Aiding or abetting, inciting and attempting**

1. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that aiding or abetting an offence referred to in Article 1(1), Articles 2 or 3 is made punishable.
2. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that inciting an offence referred to in Article 1(1), Article 2 or Article 3(2)(d) to (f) is made punishable.
3. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to ensure that attempting to commit an offence referred to in Article 1(1) and Article 3(2)(d) to (f), with the exception of possession as provided for in Article 1(1)(f) and the offence referred to in Article 1(1)(i), is made punishable.
4. Each Member State may decide to take the necessary measures to ensure that attempting to commit an offence referred to in Article 3(2)(b) and (c) is made punishable.'

*Article 2*

**Fundamental principles relating to freedom of expression**

This Framework Decision shall not have the effect of requiring Member States to take measures in contradiction of fundamental principles relating to freedom of expression, in particular freedom of the press and the freedom of expression in other media as they result from constitutional traditions or rules governing the rights and responsibilities of, and the procedural guarantees for, the press or other media where these rules relate to the determination or limitation of liability.

*Article 3*

**Implementation and report**

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Framework Decision by 9 December 2010. In the implementation of this Framework Decision, Member States shall ensure that the criminalisation shall be proportionate to the legitimate aims pursued and necessary in a democratic society and shall exclude any form of arbitrariness and discrimination.
2. By 9 December 2010, Member States shall forward to the General Secretariat of the Council and to the Commission the text of the provisions transposing into their national law the obligations imposed on them under this Framework Decision. On the basis of a report drawn up from that information and a report from the Commission, the Council shall assess, by 9 December 2011, whether Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with this Framework Decision.

*Article 4*

**Entry into force**

This Framework Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2008.

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. Alliot-Marie.]

F21[SCHEDULE 1B

*Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism*

The member States of the Council of Europe and the other Signatories hereto,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve greater unity between its members;

Recognising the value of reinforcing co-operation with the other Parties to this Convention;

Wishing to take effective measures to prevent terrorism and to counter, in particular, public provocation to commit terrorist offences and recruitment and training for terrorism;

Aware of the grave concern caused by the increase in terrorist offences and the growing terrorist threat;

Aware of the precarious situation faced by those who suffer from terrorism, and in this connection reaffirming their profound solidarity with the victims of terrorism and their families;

Recognising that terrorist offences and the offences set forth in this Convention, by whoever perpetrated, are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature, and recalling the obligation of all Parties to prevent such offences and, if not prevented, to prosecute and ensure that they are punishable by penalties which take into account their grave nature;

Recalling the need to strengthen the fight against terrorism and reaffirming that all measures taken to prevent or suppress terrorist offences have to respect the rule of law and democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as other provisions of international law, including, where applicable, international humanitarian law;

Recognising that this Convention is not intended to affect established principles relating to freedom of expression and freedom of association;

Recalling that acts of terrorism have the purpose by their nature or context to seriously intimidate a population or unduly compel a government or an international organisation to perform or abstain from performing any act or seriously destabilise or destroy the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a country or an international organisation;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1 - Terminology**

1 For the purposes of this Convention, 'terrorist offence' means any of the offences within the scope of and as defined in one of the treaties listed in the Appendix.

2 On depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, a State or the European Community which is not a party to a treaty listed in the Appendix may declare that, in the application of this Convention to the Party concerned, that treaty shall be deemed not to be included in the Appendix. This declaration shall cease to have effect as soon as the treaty enters into force for the Party having made such a declaration, which shall notify the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of this entry into force.

**Article 2 - Purpose**

The purpose of the present Convention is to enhance the efforts of Parties in preventing terrorism and its negative effects on the full enjoyment of human rights, in particular the

right to life, both by measures to be taken at national level and through international co-operation, with due regard to the existing applicable multilateral or bilateral treaties or agreements between the Parties.

### **Article 3 - National prevention policies**

1 Each Party shall take appropriate measures, particularly in the field of training of law enforcement authorities and other bodies, and in the fields of education, culture, information, media and public awareness raising, with a view to preventing terrorist offences and their negative effects while respecting human rights obligations as set forth in, where applicable to that Party, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other obligations under international law.

2 Each Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to improve and develop the co-operation among national authorities with a view to preventing terrorist offences and their negative effects by, inter alia:

- a exchanging information;
- b improving the physical protection of persons and facilities;
- c enhancing training and coordination plans for civil emergencies.

3 Each Party shall promote tolerance by encouraging inter-religious and cross-cultural dialogue involving, where appropriate, non-governmental organisations and other elements of civil society with a view to preventing tensions that might contribute to the commission of terrorist offences.

4 Each Party shall endeavour to promote public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by terrorist offences and the offences set forth in this Convention and consider encouraging the public to provide factual, specific help to its competent authorities that may contribute to preventing terrorist offences and offences set forth in this Convention.

### **Article 4 - International co-operation on prevention**

Parties shall, as appropriate and with due regard to their capabilities, assist and support each other with a view to enhancing their capacity to prevent the commission of terrorist offences, including through exchange of information and best practices, as well as through training and other joint efforts of a preventive character.

### **Article 5 - Public provocation to commit a terrorist offence**

1 For the purposes of this Convention, “public provocation to commit a terrorist offence” means the distribution, or otherwise making available, of a message to the public, with the intent to incite the commission of a terrorist offence, where such conduct, whether or not directly advocating terrorist offences, causes a danger that one or more such offences may be committed.

2 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish public provocation to commit a terrorist offence, as defined in paragraph 1, when committed unlawfully and intentionally, as a criminal offence under its domestic law.

### **Article 6 - Recruitment for terrorism**

1 For the purposes of this Convention, “recruitment for terrorism” means to solicit another person to commit or participate in the commission of a terrorist offence, or to join an association or group, for the purpose of contributing to the commission of one or more terrorist offences by the association or the group.

2 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish recruitment for terrorism, as defined in paragraph 1, when committed unlawfully and intentionally, as a criminal offence under its domestic law.

### **Article 7 - Training for terrorism**

1 For the purposes of this Convention, “training for terrorism” means to provide instruction in the making or use of explosives, firearms or other weapons or noxious or hazardous substances, or in other specific methods or techniques, for the purpose of carrying out or contributing to the commission of a terrorist offence, knowing that the skills provided are intended to be used for this purpose.

2 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish training for terrorism, as defined in paragraph 1, when committed unlawfully and intentionally, as a criminal offence under its domestic law.

#### **Article 8 - Irrelevance of the commission of a terrorist offence**

For an act to constitute an offence as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention, it shall not be necessary that a terrorist offence be actually committed.

#### **Article 9 - Ancillary offences**

1 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish as a criminal offence under its domestic law:

- a Participating as an accomplice in an offence as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention;
- b Organising or directing others to commit an offence as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention;
- c Contributing to the commission of one or more offences as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention by a group of persons acting with a common purpose. Such contribution shall be intentional and shall either:
  - i be made with the aim of furthering the criminal activity or criminal purpose of the group, where such activity or purpose involves the commission of an offence as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention; or
  - ii be made in the knowledge of the intention of the group to commit an offence as set forth in Articles 5 to 7 of this Convention.

2 Each Party shall also adopt such measures as may be necessary to establish as a criminal offence under, and in accordance with, its domestic law the attempt to commit an offence as set forth in Articles 6 and 7 of this Convention.

#### **Article 10 - Liability of legal entities**

1 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary, in accordance with its legal principles, to establish the liability of legal entities for participation in the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention.

2 Subject to the legal principles of the Party, the liability of legal entities may be criminal, civil or administrative.

3 Such liability shall be without prejudice to the criminal liability of the natural persons who have committed the offences.

#### **Article 11 - Sanctions and measures**

1 Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to make the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention punishable by effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties.

2 Previous final convictions pronounced in foreign States for offences set forth in the present Convention may, to the extent permitted by domestic law, be taken into account for the purpose of determining the sentence in accordance with domestic law.

3 Each Party shall ensure that legal entities held liable in accordance with Article 10 are subject to effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal or non-criminal sanctions, including monetary sanctions.

#### **Article 12 - Conditions and safeguards**

1 Each Party shall ensure that the establishment, implementation and application of the criminalisation under Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention are carried out while respecting human rights obligations, in particular the right to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of religion, as set forth in, where applicable to that Party, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other obligations under international law.

2 The establishment, implementation and application of the criminalisation under Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention should furthermore be subject to the principle of proportionality, with respect to the legitimate aims pursued and to their necessity in a democratic society, and should exclude any form of arbitrariness or discriminatory or racist treatment.

#### **Article 13 - Protection, compensation and support for victims of terrorism**

Each Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to protect and support the victims of terrorism that has been committed within its own territory. These measures may include, through the appropriate national schemes and subject to domestic legislation, *inter alia*, financial assistance and compensation for victims of terrorism and their close family members.

#### **Article 14 - Jurisdiction**

1 Each Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in this Convention:

- a when the offence is committed in the territory of that Party;
- b when the offence is committed on board a ship flying the flag of that Party, or on board an aircraft registered under the laws of that Party;
- c when the offence is committed by a national of that Party.

2 Each Party may also establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in this Convention:

- a when the offence was directed towards or resulted in the carrying out of an offence referred to in Article 1 of this Convention, in the territory of or against a national of that Party;
- b when the offence was directed towards or resulted in the carrying out of an offence referred to in Article 1 of this Convention, against a State or government facility of that Party abroad, including diplomatic or consular premises of that Party;
- c when the offence was directed towards or resulted in an offence referred to in Article 1 of this Convention, committed in an attempt to compel that Party to do or abstain from doing any act;
- d when the offence is committed by a stateless person who has his or her habitual residence in the territory of that Party;
- e when the offence is committed on board an aircraft which is operated by the Government of that Party.

3 Each Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in this Convention in the case where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite him or her to a Party whose jurisdiction is based on a rule of jurisdiction existing equally in the law of the requested Party.

4 This Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised in accordance with national law.

5 When more than one Party claims jurisdiction over an alleged offence set forth in this Convention, the Parties involved shall, where appropriate, consult with a view to determining the most appropriate jurisdiction for prosecution.

#### **Article 15 - Duty to investigate**

1 Upon receiving information that a person who has committed or who is alleged to have committed an offence set forth in this Convention may be present in its territory, the Party

concerned shall take such measures as may be necessary under its domestic law to investigate the facts contained in the information.

2 Upon being satisfied that the circumstances so warrant, the Party in whose territory the offender or alleged offender is present shall take the appropriate measures under its domestic law so as to ensure that person's presence for the purpose of prosecution or extradition.

3 Any person in respect of whom the measures referred to in paragraph 2 are being taken shall be entitled to:

a communicate without delay with the nearest appropriate representative of the State of which that person is a national or which is otherwise entitled to protect that person's rights or, if that person is a stateless person, the State in the territory of which that person habitually resides;

b be visited by a representative of that State;

c be informed of that person's rights under subparagraphs a. and b.

4 The rights referred to in paragraph 3 shall be exercised in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Party in the territory of which the offender or alleged offender is present, subject to the provision that the said laws and regulations must enable full effect to be given to the purposes for which the rights accorded under paragraph 3 are intended.

5 The provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be without prejudice to the right of any Party having a claim of jurisdiction in accordance with Article 14, paragraphs 1.c and 2.d to invite the International Committee of the Red Cross to communicate with and visit the alleged offender.

#### **Article 16 - Non application of the Convention**

This Convention shall not apply where any of the offences established in accordance with Articles 5 to 7 and 9 is committed within a single State, the alleged offender is a national of that State and is present in the territory of that State, and no other State has a basis under Article 14, paragraph 1 or 2 of this Convention, to exercise jurisdiction, it being understood that the provisions of Articles 17 and 20 to 22 of this Convention shall, as appropriate, apply in those cases.

#### **Article 17 - International co-operation in criminal matters**

1 Parties shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with criminal investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings in respect of the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention, including assistance in obtaining evidence in their possession necessary for the proceedings.

2 Parties shall carry out their obligations under paragraph 1 in conformity with any treaties or other agreements on mutual legal assistance that may exist between them. In the absence of such treaties or agreements, Parties shall afford one another assistance in accordance with their domestic law.

3 Parties shall co-operate with each other to the fullest extent possible under relevant law, treaties, agreements and arrangements of the requested Party with respect to criminal investigations or proceedings in relation to the offences for which a legal entity may be held liable in accordance with Article 10 of this Convention in the requesting Party.

4 Each Party may give consideration to establishing additional mechanisms to share with other Parties information or evidence needed to establish criminal, civil or administrative liability pursuant to Article 10.

#### **Article 18 - Extradite or prosecute**

1 The Party in the territory of which the alleged offender is present shall, when it has jurisdiction in accordance with Article 14, if it does not extradite that person, be obliged, without exception whatsoever and whether or not the offence was committed in its territory, to submit the case without undue delay to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, through proceedings in accordance with the laws of that Party. Those authorities

shall take their decision in the same manner as in the case of any other offence of a serious nature under the law of that Party.

2 Whenever a Party is permitted under its domestic law to extradite or otherwise surrender one of its nationals only upon the condition that the person will be returned to that Party to serve the sentence imposed as a result of the trial or proceeding for which the extradition or surrender of the person was sought, and this Party and the Party seeking the extradition of the person agree with this option and other terms they may deem appropriate, such a conditional extradition or surrender shall be sufficient to discharge the obligation set forth in paragraph 1.

#### **Article 19 - Extradition**

1 The offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between any of the Parties before the entry into force of this Convention. Parties undertake to include such offences as extraditable offences in every extradition treaty to be subsequently concluded between them.

2 When a Party which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another Party with which it has no extradition treaty, the requested Party may, if it so decides, consider this Convention as a legal basis for extradition in respect of the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention. Extradition shall be subject to the other conditions provided by the law of the requested Party.

3 Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognise the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention as extraditable offences between themselves, subject to the conditions provided by the law of the requested Party.

4 Where necessary, the offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention shall be treated, for the purposes of extradition between Parties, as if they had been committed not only in the place in which they occurred but also in the territory of the Parties that have established jurisdiction in accordance with Article 14.

5 The provisions of all extradition treaties and agreements concluded between Parties in respect of offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention shall be deemed to be modified as between Parties to the extent that they are incompatible with this Convention.

#### **Article 20 - Exclusion of the political exception clause**

1 None of the offences referred to in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 of this Convention, shall be regarded, for the purposes of extradition or mutual legal assistance, as a political offence, an offence connected with a political offence, or as an offence inspired by political motives. Accordingly, a request for extradition or for mutual legal assistance based on such an offence may not be refused on the sole ground that it concerns a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence or an offence inspired by political motives.

2 Without prejudice to the application of Articles 19 to 23 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 23 May 1969 to the other Articles of this Convention, any State or the European Community may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of the Convention, declare that it reserves the right to not apply paragraph 1 of this Article as far as extradition in respect of an offence set forth in this Convention is concerned. The Party undertakes to apply this reservation on a case-by-case basis, through a duly reasoned decision.

3 Any Party may wholly or partly withdraw a reservation it has made in accordance with paragraph 2 by means of a declaration addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe which shall become effective as from the date of its receipt.

4 A Party which has made a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article may not claim the application of paragraph 1 of this Article by any other Party; it may, however, if its reservation is partial or conditional, claim the application of this article in so far as it has itself accepted it.

5 The reservation shall be valid for a period of three years from the day of the entry into force of this Convention in respect of the Party concerned. However, such reservation may be renewed for periods of the same duration.

6 Twelve months before the date of expiry of the reservation, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall give notice of that expiry to the Party concerned. No later than three months before expiry, the Party shall notify the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that it is upholding, amending or withdrawing its reservation. Where a Party notifies the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that it is upholding its reservation, it shall provide an explanation of the grounds justifying its continuance. In the absence of notification by the Party concerned, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall inform that Party that its reservation is considered to have been extended automatically for a period of six months. Failure by the Party concerned to notify its intention to uphold or modify its reservation before the expiry of that period shall cause the reservation to lapse.

7 Where a Party does not extradite a person in application of this reservation, after receiving an extradition request from another Party, it shall submit the case, without exception whatsoever and without undue delay, to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, unless the requesting Party and the requested Party agree otherwise. The competent authorities, for the purpose of prosecution in the requested Party, shall take their decision in the same manner as in the case of any offence of a grave nature under the law of that Party. The requested Party shall communicate, without undue delay, the final outcome of the proceedings to the requesting Party and to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, who shall forward it to the Consultation of the Parties provided for in Article 30.

8 The decision to refuse the extradition request on the basis of this reservation shall be forwarded promptly to the requesting Party. If within a reasonable time no judicial decision on the merits has been taken in the requested Party according to paragraph 7, the requesting Party may communicate this fact to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, who shall submit the matter to the Consultation of the Parties provided for in Article 30. This Consultation shall consider the matter and issue an opinion on the conformity of the refusal with the Convention and shall submit it to the Committee of Ministers for the purpose of issuing a declaration thereon. When performing its functions under this paragraph, the Committee of Ministers shall meet in its composition restricted to the States Parties.

#### **Article 21 - Discrimination clause**

1 Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as imposing an obligation to extradite or to afford mutual legal assistance, if the requested Party has substantial grounds for believing that the request for extradition for offences set forth in Articles 5 to 7 and 9 or for mutual legal assistance with respect to such offences has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of that person's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion or that compliance with the request would cause prejudice to that person's position for any of these reasons.

2 Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as imposing an obligation to extradite if the person who is the subject of the extradition request risks being exposed to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

3 Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted either as imposing an obligation to extradite if the person who is the subject of the extradition request risks being exposed to the death penalty or, where the law of the requested Party does not allow for life imprisonment, to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, unless under applicable extradition treaties the requested Party is under the obligation to extradite if the requesting Party gives such assurance as the requested Party considers sufficient that the death penalty will not be imposed or, where imposed, will not be carried out, or that the person concerned will not be subject to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

#### **Article 22 - Spontaneous information**

1 Without prejudice to their own investigations or proceedings, the competent authorities of a Party may, without prior request, forward to the competent authorities of another Party information obtained within the framework of their own investigations, when they consider that the disclosure of such information might assist the Party receiving the information in initiating or carrying out investigations or proceedings, or might lead to a request by that Party under this Convention.

2 The Party providing the information may, pursuant to its national law, impose conditions on the use of such information by the Party receiving the information.

3 The Party receiving the information shall be bound by those conditions.

4 However, any Party may, at any time, by means of a declaration addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, declare that it reserves the right not to be bound by the conditions imposed by the Party providing the information under paragraph 2 above, unless it receives prior notice of the nature of the information to be provided and agrees to its transmission.

#### **Article 23 - Signature and entry into force**

1 This Convention shall be open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe, the European Community and by non-member States which have participated in its elaboration.

2 This Convention is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

3 This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date on which six Signatories, including at least four member States of the Council of Europe, have expressed their consent to be bound by the Convention in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.

4 In respect of any Signatory which subsequently expresses its consent to be bound by it, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of the expression of its consent to be bound by the Convention in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.

#### **Article 24 - Accession to the Convention**

1 After the entry into force of this Convention, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, after consulting with and obtaining the unanimous consent of the Parties to the Convention, may invite any State which is not a member of the Council of Europe and which has not participated in its elaboration to accede to this convention. The decision shall be taken by the majority provided for in Article 20.d of the Statute of the Council of Europe and by the unanimous vote of the representatives of the Parties entitled to sit on the Committee of Ministers.

2 In respect of any State acceding to the convention under paragraph 1 above, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

#### **Article 25 - Territorial application**

1 Any State or the European Community may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, specify the territory or territories to which this Convention shall apply.

2 Any Party may, at any later date, by a declaration addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, extend the application of this Convention to any other territory specified in the declaration. In respect of such territory the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of receipt of the declaration by the Secretary General.

3 Any declaration made under the two preceding paragraphs may, in respect of any territory specified in such declaration, be withdrawn by a notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The withdrawal shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of receipt of such notification by the Secretary General.

#### **Article 26 - Effects of the Convention**

1 The present Convention supplements applicable multilateral or bilateral treaties or agreements between the Parties, including the provisions of the following Council of Europe treaties:

-European Convention on Extradition, opened for signature, in Paris, on 13 December 1957 (ETS No. 24);

- European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, opened for signature, in Strasbourg, on 20 April 1959 (ETS No. 30);
- European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, opened for signature, in Strasbourg, on 27 January 1977 (ETS No. 90);
- Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, opened for signature in Strasbourg on 17 March 1978 (ETS No. 99);
- Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, opened for signature in Strasbourg on 8 November 2001 (ETS No. 182);
- Protocol amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, opened for signature in Strasbourg on 15 May 2003 (ETS No. 190).

2 If two or more Parties have already concluded an agreement or treaty on the matters dealt with in this Convention or have otherwise established their relations on such matters, or should they in future do so, they shall also be entitled to apply that agreement or treaty or to regulate those relations accordingly. However, where Parties establish their relations in respect of the matters dealt with in the present Convention other than as regulated therein, they shall do so in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Convention's objectives and principles.

3 Parties which are members of the European Union shall, in their mutual relations, apply Community and European Union rules in so far as there are Community or European Union rules governing the particular subject concerned and applicable to the specific case, without prejudice to the object and purpose of the present Convention and without prejudice to its full application with other Parties.

4 Nothing in this Convention shall affect other rights, obligations and responsibilities of a Party and individuals under international law, including international humanitarian law.

5 The activities of armed forces during an armed conflict, as those terms are understood under international humanitarian law, which are governed by that law, are not governed by this Convention, and the activities undertaken by military forces of a Party in the exercise of their official duties, inasmuch as they are governed by other rules of international law, are not governed by this Convention.

#### **Article 27 - Amendments to the Convention**

1 Amendments to this Convention may be proposed by any Party, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe or the Consultation of the Parties.

2 Any proposal for amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Parties.

3 Moreover, any amendment proposed by a Party or the Committee of Ministers shall be communicated to the Consultation of the Parties, which shall submit to the Committee of Ministers its opinion on the proposed amendment.

4 The Committee of Ministers shall consider the proposed amendment and any opinion submitted by the Consultation of the Parties and may approve the amendment.

5 The text of any amendment approved by the Committee of Ministers in accordance with paragraph 4 shall be forwarded to the Parties for acceptance.

6 Any amendment approved in accordance with paragraph 4 shall come into force on the thirtieth day after all Parties have informed the Secretary General of their acceptance thereof.

#### **Article 28 - Revision of the Appendix**

1 In order to update the list of treaties in the Appendix, amendments may be proposed by any Party or by the Committee of Ministers. These proposals for amendment shall only concern universal treaties concluded within the United Nations system dealing specifically with international terrorism and having entered into force. They shall be communicated by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Parties.

2 After having consulted the non-member Parties, the Committee of Ministers may adopt a proposed amendment by the majority provided for in Article 20.d of the Statute of the Council of Europe. The amendment shall enter into force following the expiry of a period of one year after the date on which it has been forwarded to the Parties. During this period, any Party may notify the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of any objection to the entry into force of the amendment in respect of that Party.

3 If one third of the Parties notifies the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of an objection to the entry into force of the amendment, the amendment shall not enter into force.

4 If less than one third of the Parties notifies an objection, the amendment shall enter into force for those Parties which have not notified an objection.

5 Once an amendment has entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2 and a Party has notified an objection to it, this amendment shall come into force in respect of the Party concerned on the first day of the month following the date on which it notifies the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of its acceptance.

#### **Article 29 - Settlement of disputes**

In the event of a dispute between Parties as to the interpretation or application of this Convention, they shall seek a settlement of the dispute through negotiation or any other peaceful means of their choice, including submission of the dispute to an arbitral tribunal whose decisions shall be binding upon the Parties to the dispute, or to the International Court of Justice, as agreed upon by the Parties concerned.

#### **Article 30 - Consultation of the Parties**

1 The Parties shall consult periodically with a view to:

- a making proposals to facilitate or improve the effective use and implementation of this Convention, including the identification of any problems and the effects of any declaration made under this Convention;
- b formulating its opinion on the conformity of a refusal to extradite which is referred to them in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 8;
- c making proposals for the amendment of this Convention in accordance with Article 27;
- d formulating their opinion on any proposal for the amendment of this Convention which is referred to them in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 3;
- e expressing an opinion on any question concerning the application of this Convention and facilitating the exchange of information on significant legal, policy or technological developments.

2 The Consultation of the Parties shall be convened by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe whenever he finds it necessary and in any case when a majority of the Parties or the Committee of Ministers request its convocation.

3 The Parties shall be assisted by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe in carrying out their functions pursuant to this article.

#### **Article 31 - Denunciation**

1 Any Party may, at any time, denounce this Convention by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

2 Such denunciation shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary General.

#### **Article 32 - Notification**

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council of Europe, the European Community, the non-member States which have participated

in the elaboration of this Convention as well as any State which has acceded to, or has been invited to accede to, this Convention of:

- a any signature;
- b the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;
- c any date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article 23;
- d any declaration made under Article 1, paragraph 2, 22, paragraph 4, and 25;
- e any other act, notification or communication relating to this Convention.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

Done at Warsaw, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005, in English and in French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to each member State of the Council of Europe, to the European Community, to the non-member States which have participated in the elaboration of this Convention, and to any State invited to accede to it.

#### Appendix

1 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970;

2 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation, concluded at Montreal on 23 September 1971;

3 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, Including Diplomatic Agents, adopted in New York on 14 December 1973;

4 International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, adopted in New York on 17 December 1979;

5 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted in Vienna on 3 March 1980;

6 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988;

7 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988;

8 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988;

9 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted in New York on 15 December 1997;

10 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted in New York on 9 December 1999;

11 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, adopted in New York on 13 April 2005.]

#### Section 4.

#### SCHEDULE 2

OFFENCES FOR PURPOSES OF DEFINITIONS OF "TERRORIST ACTIVITY" AND "TERRORIST-LINKED ACTIVITY"

#### PART 1

(Paragraph (a) of definition of “terrorist activity”)

*Common law offences*

1. The following common law offences:

- (a) murder;
- (b) manslaughter;
- (c) rape.

*Non-fatal offences against the person*

2. An offence under any of the following provisions of [the Non-Fatal Offences against the Person Act 1997](#):

- (a) section 3 (assault causing harm);  
F22[(aa) section 3A (non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation);]
- F23[(ab) section 3B (assault causing harm aggravated by hatred);]
- (b) section 4 (assault causing serious harm);  
F22[(ba) section 4A (non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation causing serious harm);]
- F23[(bb) section 4B (causing serious harm aggravated by hatred);]
- (c) section 6 (syringe and other attacks);
- (d) section 12 (poisoning);
- (e) section 13 (endangerment);  
F23[(ea) section 13A (endangerment aggravated by hatred);]
- (f) section 14 (endangering traffic);
- (g) section 15 (false imprisonment).

*Offence of torture*

3. Any offence under [section 2 of the Criminal Justice \(United Nations Convention Against Torture\) Act 2000](#).

*Sexual offences*

4. An offence under any of the following provisions of [the Criminal Law \(Rape\) \(Amendment\) Act 1990](#):

- (a) section 2 (sexual assault);
- (b) section 3 (aggravated sexual assault);
- (c) section 4 (rape under section 4).

*Criminal damage*

F24[5. Any offence under any of the following provisions of the Criminal Damage Act 1991:

- (a) section 2 (damaging property);
- (b) section 2A (damaging property aggravated by hatred).]

*Malicious damage*

6. An offence under any of the following provisions of the Malicious Damage Act 1861:

- (a) section 35 (maliciously obstructing railways);
- (b) section 36 (obstructing engines or carriages on railways);
- (c) section 37 (damaging telegraphs);
- (d) section 48 (removing or concealing buoys, etc.).

*Offences relating to aircraft and vehicles*

7. An offence under any of the following provisions:
- (a) section 11 of the Air Navigation and Transport Act 1973 (unlawful seizure of aircraft);
  - (b) section 3 of the Air Navigation and Transport Act 1975 (unlawful acts against the safety of aviation);
  - (c) section 10 of the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act 1976 (unlawful seizure of vehicles, etc.).

F25[*Offences relating to maritime navigation and fixed platforms located on the continental shelf*

- 7A. Any offence under section 2 of the Maritime Security Act 2004.]

*Offences relating to explosives*

8. An offence under any of the following provisions of the Explosive Substances Act 1883:
- (a) section 2 (causing explosion likely to endanger life or damage property);
  - (b) section 3 (making or possessing, etc., explosives with intent to endanger life or property);
  - (c) section 4(1) (making or possessing explosives in suspicious circumstances).

*Offences relating to firearms and other weapons*

9. An offence under any of the following provisions:
- (a) section 2 of the Firearms Act 1925 (restrictions on possession, use and carriage of firearms);
  - (b) section 10 of the Firearms Act 1925 (restrictions on manufacture and sale of firearms);
  - (c) section 15 of the Firearms Act 1925 (possessing firearms or ammunition with intent to endanger life or cause serious injury to property);
  - (d) section 26 of the Firearms Act 1964 (possessing firearms while taking vehicle without authority);
  - (e) section 27 of the Firearms Act 1964 (using firearms to resist arrest or aid escape);
  - (f) section 27A of the Firearms Act 1964 (possessing firearms or ammunition in suspicious circumstances);
  - (g) section 27B of the Firearms Act 1964 (carrying firearms with criminal intent).

*Offences relating to chemical weapons, nuclear material and other dangerous substances*

10. An offence under any of the following provisions:
- (a) section 3 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1997 (chemical weapons);
  - (b) section 4 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1997 (possession of listed toxic chemicals and precursors);
  - (c) section 38 of the Radiological Protection Act 1991 (offences relating to nuclear material);

(d) F26[...]

F27[(e) section 55 of the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 (prohibition on sending certain articles by post);]

F28[(f) section 2 of the Biological Weapons Act 2011 (development, etc. of biological weapons).]

*Offences under this Act*

11. An offence under any of the following provisions of this Act:

- (a) section 9 (offence of hostage-taking);
- (b) section 10 (offence of terrorist bombing);
- (c) section 11 F29[(offences against internationally protected persons);]
- F30[(d) section 13 (offence of financing terrorism).]

PART 2

*(Paragraph (a)(i) of definition of "terrorist-linked activity")*

*Aggravated burglary and robbery*

12. An offence under any of the following provisions of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001:

- (a) section 13 (aggravated burglary);
- (b) section 14 (robbery).

*Blackmail, extortion, etc.*

13. Any offence under section 17 (blackmail, extortion and demanding money with menaces) of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994.

PART 3

*(Paragraph (b)(i) of definition of "terrorist-linked activity")*

*Forgery Offences*

14. An offence under any of the following provisions of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 in so far as that offence relates to an instrument within the meaning of paragraph (a), (e), (f), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o) or (p) of the definition of "instrument" in section 24 of that Act:

- (a) section 25 (forgery);
- (b) section 26 (using a false instrument);
- (c) section 27 (copying false instrument);
- (d) section 28 (using copy of false instrument);
- (e) section 29 (custody or control of certain false instruments, etc.).

## Section 9.

## SCHEDULE 3

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES

The States Parties to this Convention,

HAVING IN MIND the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

RECOGNIZING in particular that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

REAFFIRMING the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, as well as in other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

CONSIDERING that the taking of hostages is an offence of grave concern to the international community and that, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, any person committing an act of hostage taking shall either be prosecuted or extradited,

BEING CONVINCED that it is urgently necessary to develop international co-operation between States in devising and adopting effective measures for the prevention, prosecution and punishment of all acts of taking of hostages as manifestations of international terrorism,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

1. Any person who seizes or detains and threatens to kill, to injure or to continue to detain another person (hereinafter referred to as the "hostage") in order to compel a third party, namely, a State, an international intergovernmental organization, a natural or juridical person, or a group of persons, to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the hostage commits the offence of taking of hostages ("hostage-taking") within the meaning of this Convention.

2. Any person who:

- (a) Attempts to commit an act of hostage-taking, or
- (b) Participates as an accomplice of anyone who commits or attempts to commit an act of hostage-taking

likewise commits an offence for the purposes of this Convention.

*Article 2*

Each State Party shall make the offences set forth in article 1 punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the grave nature of those offences.

*Article 3*

1. The State Party in the territory of which the hostage is held by the offender shall take all measures it considers appropriate to ease the situation of the hostage, in particular, to secure his release and, after his release, to facilitate, when relevant, his departure.

2. If any object which the offender has obtained as a result of the taking of hostages comes into the custody of a State Party, that State Party shall return it as soon as possible to the hostage or the third party referred to in article 1, as the case may be, or to the appropriate authorities thereof.

*Article 4*

States Parties shall co-operate in the prevention of the offences set forth in article 1, particularly by:

- (a) Taking all practicable measures to prevent preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those offences within or outside their territories, including measures to prohibit in their territories illegal activities of persons, groups and organizations that encourage, instigate, organize or engage in the perpetration of acts of taking of hostages;
- (b) Exchanging information and co-ordinating the taking of administrative and other measures as appropriate to prevent the commission of those offences.

*Article 5*

1. Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over any of the offences set forth in article 1 which are committed:

- (a) In its territory or on board a ship or aircraft registered in that State;
- (b) By any of its nationals or, if that State considers it appropriate, by those stateless persons who have their habitual residence in its territory;
- (c) In order to compel that State to do or abstain from doing any act; or
- (d) With respect to a hostage who is a national of that State, if that State considers it appropriate.

2. Each State Party shall likewise take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 1 in cases where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite him to any of the States mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.

3. This Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised in accordance with internal law.

*Article 6*

1. Upon being satisfied that the circumstances so warrant, any State Party in the territory of which the alleged offender is present shall, in accordance with its laws, take him into custody or take other measures to ensure his presence for such time as is necessary to enable any criminal or extradition proceedings to be instituted. That State Party shall immediately make a preliminary inquiry into the facts.

2. The custody or other measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be notified without delay directly or through the Secretary-General of the United Nations to:

- (a) The State where the offence was committed;
- (b) The State against which compulsion has been directed or attempted;
- (c) The State of which the natural or juridical person against whom compulsion has been directed or attempted is a national;
- (d) The State of which the hostage is a national or in the territory of which he has his habitual residence;
- (e) The State of which the alleged offender is a national or, if he is a stateless person, in the territory of which he has his habitual residence;
- (f) The international intergovernmental organization against which compulsion has been directed or attempted;
- (g) All other States concerned.

3. Any person regarding whom the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this article are being taken shall be entitled:

- (a) To communicate without delay with the nearest appropriate representative of the State of which he is a national or which is otherwise entitled to establish such communication or, if he is a stateless person, the State in the territory of which he has his habitual residence;
- (b) To be visited by a representative of that State.

4. The rights referred to in paragraph 3 of this article shall be exercised in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State in the territory of which the alleged offender is present subject to the proviso, however, that the said laws and regulations must enable full effect to be given to the purposes for which the rights accorded under paragraph 3 of this article are intended.

5. The provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this article shall be without prejudice to the right of any State Party having a claim to jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of article 5 to invite the International Committee of the Red Cross to communicate with and visit the alleged offender.

6. The State which makes the preliminary inquiry contemplated in paragraph 1 of this article shall promptly report its findings to the States or organization referred to in paragraph 2 of this article and indicate whether it intends to exercise jurisdiction.

#### Article 7

The State Party where the alleged offender is prosecuted shall in accordance with its laws communicate the final outcome of the proceedings to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit the information to the other States concerned and the international intergovernmental organizations concerned.

#### Article 8

1. The State Party in the territory of which the alleged offender is found shall, if it does not extradite him, be obliged, without exception whatsoever and whether or not the offence was committed in its territory, to submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, through proceedings in accordance with the laws of that State. Those authorities shall take their decision in the same manner as in the case of any ordinary offence of a grave nature under the law of that State.

2. Any person regarding whom proceedings are being carried out in connexion with any of the offences set forth in article 1 shall be guaranteed fair treatment at all stages of the proceedings, including enjoyment of all the rights and guarantees provided by the law of the State in the territory of which he is present.

#### Article 9

1. A request for the extradition of an alleged offender, pursuant to this Convention, shall not be granted if the requested State Party has substantial grounds for believing:

- (a) That the request for extradition for an offence set forth in article 1 has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of his race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion; or
- (b) That the person's position may be prejudiced:
  - (i) for any of the reasons mentioned in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, or
  - (ii) for the reason that communication with him by the appropriate authorities of the State entitled to exercise rights of protection cannot be effected.

2. With respect to the offences as defined in this Convention, the provisions of all extradition treaties and arrangements applicable between States Parties are modified as between States Parties to the extent that they are incompatible with this Convention.

#### Article 10

1. The offences set forth in article 1 shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between States Parties. States Parties undertake to include

such offences as extraditable offences in every extradition treaty to be concluded between them.

2. If a State Party which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another State Party with which it has no extradition treaty, the requested State may at its option consider this Convention as the legal basis for extradition in respect of the offences set forth in article 1. Extradition shall be subject to the other conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

3. States Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognize the offences set forth in article 1 as extraditable offences between themselves subject to the conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

4. The offences set forth in article 1 shall be treated, for the purpose of extradition between States Parties, as if they had been committed not only in the place in which they occurred but also in the territories of the States required to establish their jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 5.

#### *Article 11*

1. States Parties shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connexion with criminal proceedings brought in respect of the offences set forth in article 1, including the supply of all evidence at their disposal necessary for the proceedings.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article shall not affect obligations concerning mutual judicial assistance embodied in any other treaty.

#### *Article 12*

In so far as the Geneva Conventions of 1949 for the protection of war victims<sup>1</sup> or the Protocols Additional to those Conventions<sup>2</sup> are applicable to a particular act of hostage-taking, and in so far as States Parties to this Convention are bound under those conventions to prosecute or hand over the hostage-taker, the present Convention shall not apply to an act of hostage-taking committed in the course of armed conflicts as defined in the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Protocols thereto, including armed conflicts mentioned in article 1, paragraph 4, of Additional Protocol I of 1977, in which peoples are fighting against colonial domination and alien occupation and against racist régimes in the exercise of their right of self-determination, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

#### *Article 13*

This Convention shall not apply where the offence is committed within a single State, the hostage and the alleged offender are nationals of that State and the alleged offender is found in the territory of that State.

#### *Article 14*

Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as justifying the violation of the territorial integrity or political independence of a State in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations.

#### *Article 15*

The provisions of this Convention shall not affect the application of the Treaties on Asylum, in force at the date of the adoption of this Convention, as between the States which are parties to those Treaties; but a State Party to this Convention may not invoke those Treaties with respect to another State Party to this Convention which is not a party to those treaties.

#### *Article 16*

1. Any dispute between two or more States Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of one of them, be submitted to arbitration. If within six months from the date of the request for

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, p. 31, 85, 135 and 287.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1125, pp. 3 and 609.

arbitration the parties are unable to agree on the organization of the arbitration, any one of those parties may refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice by request in conformity with the Statute of the Court.

2. Each State may at the time of signature or ratification of this Convention or accession thereto declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraph 1 of this article. The other States Parties shall not be bound by paragraph 1 of this article with respect to any State Party which has made such a reservation.

3. Any State Party which has made a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article may at any time withdraw that reservation by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 17*

1. This Convention is open for signature by all States until 31 December 1980 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

2. This Convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention is open for accession by any State. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 18*

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

*Article 19*

1. Any State Party may denounce this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect one year following the date on which notification is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 20*

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at New York on 18 December 1979.

*Section 11.*

SCHEDULE 4

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS

The States Parties to this Convention,

Having in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the maintenance of international peace and the promotion of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Considering that crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons jeopardizing the safety of these persons create a serious threat to the maintenance of normal international relations which are necessary for co-operation among States,

Believing that the commission of such crimes is a matter of grave concern to the international community,

Convinced that there is an urgent need to adopt appropriate and effective measures for the prevention and punishment of such crimes,

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. "Internationally protected person" means:

- (a) a Head of State, including any member of a collegial body performing the functions of a Head of State under the constitution of the State concerned, a Head of Government or a Minister for Foreign Affairs, whenever any such person is in a foreign State, as well as members of his family who accompany him;
- (b) any representative or official of a State or any official or other agent of an international organization of an intergovernmental character who, at the time when and in the place where a crime against him, his official premises, his private accommodation or his means of transport is committed, is entitled pursuant to international law to special protection from any attack on his person, freedom or dignity, as well as members of his family forming part of his household;

2. "Alleged offender" means a person as to whom there is sufficient evidence to determine *prima facie* that he has committed or participated in one or more of the crimes set forth in article 2.

#### Article 2

1. The intentional commission of:

- (a) a murder, kidnapping or other attack upon the person or liberty of an internationally protected person;
- (b) a violent attack upon the official premises, the private accommodation or the means of transport of an internationally protected person likely to endanger his person or liberty;
- (c) a threat to commit any such attack;
- (d) an attempt to commit any such attack; and
- (e) an act constituting participation as an accomplice in any such attack;

shall be made by each State Party a crime under its internal law.

2. Each State Party shall make these crimes punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account their grave nature.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article in no way derogate from the obligations of States Parties under international law to take all appropriate measures to prevent other attacks on the person, freedom or dignity of an internationally protected person.

#### Article 3

1. Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the crimes set forth in article 2 in the following cases:

- (a) when the crime is committed in the territory of that State or on board a ship or aircraft registered in that State;

- (b) when the alleged offender is a national of that State;
- (c) when the crime is committed against an internationally protected person as defined in article 1 who enjoys his status as such by virtue of functions which he exercises on behalf of that State.

2. Each State Party shall likewise take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over these crimes in cases where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite him pursuant to article 8 to any of the States mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.

3. This Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised in accordance with internal law.

#### *Article 4*

States Parties shall co-operate in the prevention of the crimes set forth in article 2, particularly by:

- (a) taking all practicable measures to prevent preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those crimes within or outside their territories;
- (b) exchanging information and co-ordinating the taking of administrative and other measures as appropriate to prevent the commission of those crimes.

#### *Article 5*

1. The State Party in which any of the crimes set forth in article 2 has been committed shall, if it has reason to believe that an alleged offender has fled from its territory, communicate to all other States concerned, directly or through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, all the pertinent facts regarding the crime committed and all available information regarding the identity of the alleged offender.

2. Whenever any of the crimes set forth in article 2 has been committed against an internationally protected person, any State Party which has information concerning the victim and the circumstances of the crime shall endeavour to transmit it, under the conditions provided for in its internal law, fully and promptly to the State Party on whose behalf he was exercising his functions.

#### *Article 6*

1. Upon being satisfied that the circumstances so warrant, the State Party in whose territory the alleged offender is present shall take the appropriate measures under its internal law so as to ensure his presence for the purpose of prosecution or extradition. Such measures shall be notified without delay directly or through the Secretary-General of the United Nations to:

- (a) the State where the crime was committed;
- (b) the State or States of which the alleged offender is a national or, if he is a stateless person, in whose territory he permanently resides;
- (c) the State or States of which the internationally protected person concerned is a national or on whose behalf he was exercising his functions;
- (d) all other States concerned; and
- (e) the international organization of which the internationally protected person concerned is an official or an agent.

2. Any person regarding whom the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this article are being taken shall be entitled:

- (a) to communicate without delay with the nearest appropriate representative of the State of which he is a national or which is otherwise entitled to protect his rights or, if he is a stateless person, which he requests and which is willing to protect his rights; and
- (b) to be visited by a representative of that State.

*Article 7*

The State Party in whose territory the alleged offender is present shall, if it does not extradite him, submit, without exception whatsoever and without undue delay, the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, through proceedings in accordance with the laws of that State.

*Article 8*

1. To the extent that the crimes set forth in article 2 are not listed as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between States Parties, they shall be deemed to be included as such therein. States Parties undertake to include those crimes as extraditable offences in every future extradition treaty to be concluded between them.

2. If a State Party which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another State Party with which it has no extradition treaty, it may, if it decides to extradite, consider this Convention as the legal basis for extradition in respect of those crimes. Extradition shall be subject to the procedural provisions and the other conditions of the law of the requested State.

3. States Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognize those crimes as extraditable offences between themselves subject to the procedural provisions and the other conditions of the law of the requested State.

4. Each of the crimes shall be treated, for the purpose of extradition between States Parties, as if it had been committed not only in the place in which it occurred but also in the territories of the States required to establish their jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 3.

*Article 9*

Any person regarding whom proceedings are being carried out in connexion with any of the crimes set forth in article 2 shall be guaranteed fair treatment at all stages of the proceedings.

*Article 10*

1. States Parties shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connexion with criminal proceedings brought in respect of the crimes set forth in article 2, including the supply of all evidence at their disposal necessary for the proceedings.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article shall not affect obligations concerning mutual judicial assistance embodied in any other treaty.

*Article 11*

The State Party where an alleged offender is prosecuted shall communicate the final outcome of the proceedings to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit the information to the other States Parties.

*Article 12*

The provisions of this Convention shall not affect the application of the Treaties on Asylum, in force at the date of the adoption of this Convention, as between the States which are parties to those Treaties; but a State Party to this Convention may not invoke those Treaties with respect to another State Party to this Convention which is not a party to those Treaties.

*Article 13*

1. Any dispute between two or more States Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of one of them, be submitted to arbitration. If within six months from the date of the request for arbitration the Parties are unable to agree on the organization of the arbitration, any one of those Parties may refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice by request in conformity with the Statute of the Court.

2. Each State Party may at the time of signature or ratification of this Convention or accession thereto declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraph 1 of this article.

The other States Parties shall not be bound by paragraph 1 of this article with respect to any State Party which has made such a reservation.

3. Any State Party which has made a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article may at any time withdraw that reservation by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 14*

This Convention shall be opened for signature by all States, until 31 December 1974 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

*Article 15*

This Convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 16*

This Convention shall remain open for accession by any State. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 17*

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

*Article 18*

1. Any State Party may denounce this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect six months following the date on which notification is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 19*

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States, *inter alia*:

(a) of signatures to this Convention, of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession in accordance with articles 14, 15 and 16 and of notifications made under article 18;

(b) of the date on which this Convention will enter into force in accordance with article 17.

*Article 20*

The original of this Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at New York on 14 December 1973.

The States Parties to this Convention,

*Having in mind* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of good-neighbourliness and friendly relations and cooperation among States,

*Deeply concerned* about the worldwide escalation of acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations of 24 October 1995,

*Recalling also* the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, annexed to General Assembly resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994, in which, *inter alia*, “the States Members of the United Nations solemnly reaffirm their unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed, including those which jeopardize the friendly relations among States and peoples and threaten the territorial integrity and security of States”,

*Noting* that the Declaration also encouraged States “to review urgently the scope of the existing international legal provisions on the prevention, repression and elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, with the aim of ensuring that there is a comprehensive legal framework covering all aspects of the matter”,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 and the Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, annexed thereto,

*Noting also* that terrorist attacks by means of explosives or other lethal devices have become increasingly widespread,

*Noting further* that existing multilateral legal provisions do not adequately address these attacks,

*Being convinced* of the urgent need to enhance international cooperation between States in devising and adopting effective and practical measures for the prevention of such acts of terrorism and for the prosecution and punishment of their perpetrators,

*Considering* that the occurrence of such acts is a matter of grave concern to the international community as a whole,

*Noting* that the activities of military forces of States are governed by rules of international law outside the framework of this Convention and that the exclusion of certain actions from the coverage of this Convention does not condone or make lawful otherwise unlawful acts, or preclude prosecution under other laws,

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### Article 1

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. “State or government facility” includes any permanent or temporary facility or conveyance that is used or occupied by representatives of a State, members of Government, the legislature or the judiciary or by officials or employees of a State or any other public authority or entity or by employees or officials of an intergovernmental organization in connection with their official duties.

2. “Infrastructure facility” means any publicly or privately owned facility providing or distributing services for the benefit of the public, such as water, sewage, energy, fuel or communications.

3. “Explosive or other lethal device” means:

- (a) An explosive or incendiary weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage; or
- (b) A weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage through the release, dissemination or impact of toxic chemicals, biological agents or toxins or similar substances or radiation or radioactive material.

4. "Military forces of a State" means the armed forces of a State which are organized, trained and equipped under its internal law for the primary purpose of national defence or security, and persons acting in support of those armed forces who are under their formal command, control and responsibility.

5. "Place of public use" means those parts of any building, land, street, waterway or other location that are accessible or open to members of the public, whether continuously, periodically or occasionally, and encompasses any commercial, business, cultural, historical, educational, religious, governmental, entertainment, recreational or similar place that is so accessible or open to the public.

6. "Public transportation system" means all facilities, conveyances and instrumentalities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used in or for publicly available services for the transportation of persons or cargo.

#### *Article 2*

1. Any person commits an offence within the meaning of this Convention if that person unlawfully and intentionally delivers, places, discharges or detonates an explosive or other lethal device in, into or against a place of public use, a State or government facility, a public transportation system or an infrastructure facility:

- (a) With the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury; or
- (b) With the intent to cause extensive destruction of such a place, facility or system, where such destruction results in or is likely to result in major economic loss.

2. Any person also commits an offence if that person attempts to commit an offence as set forth in paragraph 1.

3. Any person also commits an offence if that person:

- (a) Participates as an accomplice in an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 or 2; or
- (b) Organizes or directs others to commit an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 or 2; or
- (c) In any other way contributes to the commission of one or more offences as set forth in paragraph 1 or 2 by a group of persons acting with a common purpose; such contribution shall be intentional and either be made with the aim of furthering the general criminal activity or purpose of the group or be made in the knowledge of the intention of the group to commit the offence or offences concerned.

#### *Article 3*

This Convention shall not apply where the offence is committed within a single State, the alleged offender and the victims are nationals of that State, the alleged offender is found in the territory of that State and no other State has a basis under article 6, paragraph 1 or article 6, paragraph 2, of this Convention to exercise jurisdiction, except that the provisions of articles 10 to 15 shall, as appropriate, apply in those cases.

#### *Article 4*

Each State Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary:

- (a) To establish as criminal offences under its domestic law the offences set forth in article 2 of this Convention;
- (b) To make those offences punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the grave nature of those offences.

*Article 5*

Each State Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary, including, where appropriate, domestic legislation, to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of this Convention, in particular where they are intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public or in a group of persons or particular persons, are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature and are punished by penalties consistent with their grave nature.

*Article 6*

1. Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 2 when:
  - (a) The offence is committed in the territory of that State; or
  - (b) The offence is committed on board a vessel flying the flag of that State or an aircraft which is registered under the laws of that State at the time the offence is committed; or
  - (c) The offence is committed by a national of that State.
2. A State Party may also establish its jurisdiction over any such offence when:
  - (a) The offence is committed against a national of that State; or
  - (b) The offence is committed against a State or government facility of that State abroad, including an embassy or other diplomatic or consular premises of that State; or
  - (c) The offence is committed by a stateless person who has his or her habitual residence in the territory of that State; or
  - (d) The offence is committed in an attempt to compel that State to do or abstain from doing any act; or
  - (e) The offence is committed on board an aircraft which is operated by the Government of that State.
3. Upon ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to this Convention, each State Party shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the jurisdiction it has established in accordance with paragraph 2 under its domestic law. Should any change take place, the State Party concerned shall immediately notify the Secretary-General.
4. Each State Party shall likewise take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 2 in cases where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite that person to any of the States Parties which have established their jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 1 or 2.
5. This Convention does not exclude the exercise of any criminal jurisdiction established by a State Party in accordance with its domestic law.

*Article 7*

1. Upon receiving information that a person who has committed or who is alleged to have committed an offence as set forth in article 2 may be present in its territory, the State Party

concerned shall take such measures as may be necessary under its domestic law to investigate the facts contained in the information.

2. Upon being satisfied that the circumstances so warrant, the State Party in whose territory the offender or alleged offender is present shall take the appropriate measures under its domestic law so as to ensure that person's presence for the purpose of prosecution or extradition.

3. Any person regarding whom the measures referred to in paragraph 2 are being taken shall be entitled to:

- (a) Communicate without delay with the nearest appropriate representative of the State of which that person is a national or which is otherwise entitled to protect that person's rights or, if that person is a stateless person, the State in the territory of which that person habitually resides;
- (b) Be visited by a representative of that State;
- (c) Be informed of that person's rights under subparagraphs (a) and (b).

4. The rights referred to in paragraph 3 shall be exercised in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State in the territory of which the offender or alleged offender is present, subject to the provision that the said laws and regulations must enable full effect to be given to the purposes for which the rights accorded under paragraph 3 are intended.

5. The provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be without prejudice to the right of any State Party having a claim to jurisdiction in accordance with article 6, subparagraph 1(c) or 2(c), to invite the International Committee of the Red Cross to communicate with and visit the alleged offender.

6. When a State Party, pursuant to this article, has taken a person into custody, it shall immediately notify, directly or through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the States Parties which have established jurisdiction in accordance with article 6, paragraphs 1 and 2, and, if it considers it advisable, any other interested States Parties, of the fact that such person is in custody and of the circumstances which warrant that person's detention. The State which makes the investigation contemplated in paragraph 1 shall promptly inform the said States Parties of its findings and shall indicate whether it intends to exercise jurisdiction.

#### *Article 8*

1. The State Party in the territory of which the alleged offender is present shall, in cases to which article 6 applies, if it does not extradite that person, be obliged, without exception whatsoever and whether or not the offence was committed in its territory, to submit the case without undue delay to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, through proceedings in accordance with the laws of that State. Those authorities shall take their decision in the same manner as in the case of any other offence of a grave nature under the law of that State.

2. Whenever a State Party is permitted under its domestic law to extradite or otherwise surrender one of its nationals only upon the condition that the person will be returned to that State to serve the sentence imposed as a result of the trial or proceeding for which the extradition or surrender of the person was sought, and this State and the State seeking the extradition of the person agree with this option and other terms they may deem appropriate, such a conditional extradition or surrender shall be sufficient to discharge the obligation set forth in paragraph 1.

#### *Article 9*

1. The offences set forth in article 2 shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between any of the States Parties before the entry into force of this Convention. States Parties undertake to include such offences as extraditable offences in every extradition treaty to be subsequently concluded between them.

2. When a State Party which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another State Party with which it has no extradition treaty, the requested State Party may, at its option, consider this Convention as a legal basis for extradition in respect of the offences set forth in article 2. Extradition shall be subject to the other conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

3. States Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognize the offences set forth in article 2 as extraditable offences between themselves, subject to the conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

4. If necessary, the offences set forth in article 2 shall be treated, for the purposes of extradition between States Parties, as if they had been committed not only in the place in which they occurred but also in the territory of the States that have established jurisdiction in accordance with article 6, paragraphs 1 and 2.

5. The provisions of all extradition treaties and arrangements between States Parties with regard to offences set forth in article 2 shall be deemed to be modified as between State Parties to the extent that they are incompatible with this Convention.

#### *Article 10*

1. States Parties shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings brought in respect of the offences set forth in article 2, including assistance in obtaining evidence at their disposal necessary for the proceedings.

2. States Parties shall carry out their obligations under paragraph 1 in conformity with any treaties or other arrangements on mutual legal assistance that may exist between them. In the absence of such treaties or arrangements, States Parties shall afford one another assistance in accordance with their domestic law.

#### *Article 11*

None of the offences set forth in article 2 shall be regarded, for the purposes of extradition or mutual legal assistance, as a political offence or as an offence connected with a political offence or as an offence inspired by political motives. Accordingly, a request for extradition or for mutual legal assistance based on such an offence may not be refused on the sole ground that it concerns a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence or an offence inspired by political motives.

#### *Article 12*

Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as imposing an obligation to extradite or to afford mutual legal assistance, if the requested State Party has substantial grounds for believing that the request for extradition for offences set forth in article 2 or for mutual legal assistance with respect to such offences has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of that person's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion or that compliance with the request would cause prejudice to that person's position for any of these reasons.

#### *Article 13*

1. A person who is being detained or is serving a sentence in the territory of one State Party whose presence in another State Party is requested for purposes of testimony, identification or otherwise providing assistance in obtaining evidence for the investigation or prosecution of offences under this Convention may be transferred if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The person freely gives his or her informed consent; and
- (b) The competent authorities of both States agree, subject to such conditions as those States may deem appropriate.

2. For the purposes of this article:

- (a) The State to which the person is transferred shall have the authority and obligation to keep the person transferred in custody, unless otherwise requested or authorized by the State from which the person was transferred;
- (b) The State to which the person is transferred shall without delay implement its obligation to return the person to the custody of the State from which the person was transferred as agreed beforehand, or as otherwise agreed, by the competent authorities of both States;
- (c) The State to which the person is transferred shall not require the State from which the person was transferred to initiate extradition proceedings for the return of the person;
- (d) The person transferred shall receive credit for service of the sentence being served in the State from which he was transferred for time spent in the custody of the State to which he was transferred.

3. Unless the State Party from which a person is to be transferred in accordance with this article so agrees, that person, whatever his or her nationality, shall not be prosecuted or detained or subjected to any other restriction of his or her personal liberty in the territory of the State to which that person is transferred in respect of acts or convictions anterior to his or her departure from the territory of the State from which such person was transferred.

#### *Article 14*

Any person who is taken into custody or regarding whom any other measures are taken or proceedings are carried out pursuant to this Convention shall be guaranteed fair treatment, including enjoyment of all rights and guarantees in conformity with the law of the State in the territory of which that person is present and applicable provisions of international law, including international law of human rights.

#### *Article 15*

States Parties shall cooperate in the prevention of the offences set forth in article 2, particularly:

- (a) By taking all practicable measures, including, if necessary, adapting their domestic legislation, to prevent and counter preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those offences within or outside their territories, including measures to prohibit in their territories illegal activities of persons, groups and organizations that encourage, instigate, organize, knowingly finance or engage in the perpetration of offences as set forth in article 2;
- (b) By exchanging accurate and verified information in accordance with their national law, and coordinating administrative and other measures taken as appropriate to prevent the commission of offences as set forth in article 2;
- (c) Where appropriate, through research and development regarding methods of detection of explosives and other harmful substances that can cause death or bodily injury, consultations on the development of standards for marking explosives in order to identify their origin in post-blast investigations, exchange of information on preventive measures, cooperation and transfer of technology, equipment and related materials.

#### *Article 16*

The State Party where the alleged offender is prosecuted shall, in accordance with its domestic law or applicable procedures, communicate the final outcome of the proceedings to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit the information to the other States Parties.

*Article 17*

The States Parties shall carry out their obligations under this Convention in a manner consistent with the principles of sovereign equality and territorial integrity of States and that of non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other States.

*Article 18*

Nothing in this Convention entitles a State Party to undertake in the territory of another State Party the exercise of jurisdiction and performance of functions which are exclusively reserved for the authorities of that other State Party by its domestic law.

*Article 19*

1. Nothing in this Convention shall affect other rights, obligations and responsibilities of States and individuals under international law, in particular the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international humanitarian law.

2. The activities of armed forces during an armed conflict, as those terms are understood under international humanitarian law, which are governed by that law, are not governed by this Convention, and the activities undertaken by military forces of a State in the exercise of their official duties, inasmuch as they are governed by other rules of international law, are not governed by this Convention.

*Article 20*

1. Any dispute between two or more States Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention which cannot be settled through negotiation within a reasonable time shall, at the request of one of them, be submitted to arbitration. If, within six months from the date of the request for arbitration, the parties are unable to agree on the organization of the arbitration, any one of those parties may refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice, by application, in conformity with the Statute of the Court.

2. Each State may at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance or approval of this Convention or accession thereto declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraph 1. The other States Parties shall not be bound by paragraph 1 with respect to any State Party which has made such a reservation.

3. Any State which has made a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2 may at any time withdraw that reservation by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 21*

1. This Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 12 January 1998 until 31 December 1999 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

2. This Convention is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention shall be open to accession by any State. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 22*

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. For each State ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

*Article 23*

1. Any State Party may denounce this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect one year following the date on which notification is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 24*

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at New York on 12 January 1998.

*Section 11.*

SCHEDULE 6

OFFENCES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS

PART 1

*(specified offences referred to in section 11(1)(a))*

*Common law offences.*

1. The following common law offences:

- (a) murder;
- (b) manslaughter;
- (c) rape.

*Non-fatal offences against the person.*

2. An offence under any of the following provisions of [the Non-Fatal Offences against the Person Act 1997](#):

- (a) section 2 (assault);  
F31[(aa) section 2A (assault aggravated by hatred);]
- (b) section 3 (assault causing harm);  
F32[(ba) section 3A (non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation);]  
F31[(bb) section 3B (assault causing harm aggravated by hatred);]
- (c) section 4 (assault causing serious harm);  
F32[(ca) section 4A (non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation causing serious harm);]  
F31[(cb) section 4B (causing serious harm aggravated by hatred);]
- (d) section 6 (syringe and other attack);
- (e) section 12 (poisoning);
- (f) section 13 (endangerment);  
F31[(fa) section 13A (endangerment aggravated by hatred);]
- (g) section 15 (false imprisonment).

*Sexual offences.*

3. An offence under any of the following provisions of the Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990:

- (a) section 2 (sexual assault);
- (b) section 3 (aggravated sexual assault);
- (c) section 4 (rape under section 4).

*Offences relating to explosives.*

4. An offence under section 2 (causing explosion likely to endanger life or damage property) of the Explosive Substances Act 1883.

## PART 2

*(specified offences referred to in section 11(1)(b))*

*Offences relating to explosives.*

5. An offence under section 2 (causing explosion likely to endanger life or damage property) of the Explosive Substances Act 1883.

*Criminal damage and other offences.*

6. An offence under any of the following provisions:

- (a) section 2 of the Criminal Damage Act 1991 (damaging property);

F33[(aa) section 2A of the Criminal Damage Act 1991 (damaging property aggravated by hatred);]

- (b) section 10 of the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act 1976 (unlawful seizure of vehicles, etc.);

F34[(c) section 55 of the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 (prohibition on sending certain articles by post).]

## Part 4.

## SCHEDULE 7

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

*Preamble**The States Parties to this Convention,*

*Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of good-neighbourliness and friendly relations and cooperation among States,

*Deeply concerned* about the worldwide escalation of acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, contained in General Assembly resolution 50/6 of 24 October 1995,

*Recalling also* all the relevant General Assembly resolutions on the matter, including resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994 and its annex thereto on the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, in which the States Members of the United Nations solemnly reaffirmed their unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed, including those which jeopardize the friendly relations among States and peoples and threaten the territorial integrity and security of States,

*Noting* that the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism also encouraged States to review urgently the scope of the existing international legal provisions on the prevention, repression and elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, with the aim of ensuring that there is a comprehensive legal framework covering all aspects of the matter,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, paragraph 3, subparagraph (f), in which the Assembly called upon all States to take steps to prevent and counteract, through appropriate domestic measures, the financing of terrorists and terrorist organizations, whether such financing is direct or indirect through organizations which also have or claim to have charitable, social or cultural goals or which are also engaged in unlawful activities such as illicit arms trafficking, drug dealing and racketeering, including the exploitation of persons for purposes of funding terrorist activities, and in particular to consider, where appropriate, adopting regulatory measures to prevent and counteract movements of funds suspected to be intended for terrorist purposes without impeding in any way the freedom of legitimate capital movements and to intensify the exchange of information concerning international movements of such funds,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 52/165 of 15 December 1997, in which the Assembly called upon States to consider, in particular, the implementation of the measures set out in paragraphs 3(a) to (f) of its resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 53/108 of 8 December 1998, in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 should elaborate a draft international convention for the suppression of terrorist financing to supplement related existing international instruments,

*Considering* that the financing of terrorism is a matter of grave concern to the international community as a whole,

*Noting* that the number and seriousness of acts of international terrorism depend on the financing that terrorists may obtain,

*Noting also* that existing multilateral legal instruments do not expressly address such financing,

*Being convinced* of the urgent need to enhance international cooperation among States in devising and adopting effective measures for the prevention of the financing of terrorism, as well as for its suppression through the prosecution and punishment of its perpetrators,

*Have agreed as follows:*

#### Article 1

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. "Funds" means assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, however acquired, and legal documents or instruments in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to, or interest in, such assets, including, but not limited to, bank credits, travellers cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securities, bonds, drafts, and letters of credit.

2. "State or government facility" means any permanent or temporary facility or conveyance that is used or occupied by representatives of a State, members of Government, the legislature or the judiciary or by officials or employees of a State or any other public authority or entity or by employees or officials of an intergovernmental organization in connection with their official duties.

3. "Proceeds" means any funds derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of an offence set forth in article 2.

#### Article 2

1. Any person commits an offence within the meaning of this Convention if that person by any means, directly or indirectly, unlawfully and wilfully, provides or collects funds with the intention that they should be used or in the knowledge that they are to be used, in full or in part, in order to carry out:

- (a) An act which constitutes an offence within the scope of and as defined in one of the treaties listed in the annex; or
- (b) Any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in the hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a Government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

2. (a) On depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, a State Party which is not a party to a treaty listed in the annex may declare that, in the application of this Convention to the State Party, the treaty shall be deemed not to be included in the annex referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph (a). The declaration shall cease to have effect as soon as the treaty enters into force for the State Party, which shall notify the depositary of this fact;

- (b) When a State Party ceases to be a party to a treaty listed in the annex, it may make a declaration as provided for in this article, with respect to that treaty.

3. For an act to constitute an offence set forth in paragraph 1, it shall not be necessary that the funds were actually used to carry out an offence referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) or (b).

4. Any person also commits an offence if that person attempts to commit an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 of this article.

5. Any person also commits an offence if that person:

- (a) Participates as an accomplice in an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 or 4 of this article;

- (b) Organizes or directs others to commit an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 or 4 of this article;
- (c) Contributes to the commission of one or more offences as set forth in paragraphs 1 or 4 of this article by a group of persons acting with a common purpose. Such contribution shall be intentional and shall either:
  - (i) Be made with the aim of furthering the criminal activity or criminal purpose of the group, where such activity or purpose involves the commission of an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 of this article; or
  - (ii) Be made in the knowledge of the intention of the group to commit an offence as set forth in paragraph 1 of this article.

#### *Article 3*

This Convention shall not apply where the offence is committed within a single State, the alleged offender is a national of that State and is present in the territory of that State and no other State has a basis under article 7, paragraph 1, or article 7, paragraph 2, to exercise jurisdiction, except that the provisions of articles 12 to 18 shall, as appropriate, apply in those cases.

#### *Article 4*

Each State Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary:

- (a) To establish as criminal offences under its domestic law the offences set forth in article 2;
- (b) To make those offences punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the grave nature of the offences.

#### *Article 5*

1. Each State Party, in accordance with its domestic legal principles, shall take the necessary measures to enable a legal entity located in its territory or organized under its laws to be held liable when a person responsible for the management or control of that legal entity has, in that capacity, committed an offence set forth in article 2. Such liability may be criminal, civil or administrative.

2. Such liability is incurred without prejudice to the criminal liability of individuals who have committed the offences.

3. Each State Party shall ensure, in particular, that legal entities liable in accordance with paragraph 1 above are subject to effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal, civil or administrative sanctions. Such sanctions may include monetary sanctions.

#### *Article 6*

Each State Party shall adopt such measures as may be necessary, including, where appropriate, domestic legislation, to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of this Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature.

#### *Article 7*

1. Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 2 when:
  - (a) The offence is committed in the territory of that State;
  - (b) The offence is committed on board a vessel flying the flag of that State or an aircraft registered under the laws of that State at the time the offence is committed;
  - (c) The offence is committed by a national of that State.
2. A State Party may also establish its jurisdiction over any such offence when:
  - (a) The offence was directed towards or resulted in the carrying out of an offence referred to in article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) or (b), in the territory of or against a national of that State;
  - (b) The offence was directed towards or resulted in the carrying out of an offence referred to in article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) or (b), against a State or government facility of that State abroad, including diplomatic or consular premises of that State;
  - (c) The offence was directed towards or resulted in an offence referred to in article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) or (b), committed in an attempt to compel that State to do or abstain from doing any act;
  - (d) The offence is committed by a stateless person who has his or her habitual residence in the territory of that State;
  - (e) The offence is committed on board an aircraft which is operated by the Government of that State.
3. Upon ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to this Convention, each State Party shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the jurisdiction it has established in accordance with paragraph 2. Should any change take place, the State Party concerned shall immediately notify the Secretary-General.
4. Each State Party shall likewise take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 2 in cases where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite that person to any of the States Parties that have established their jurisdiction in accordance with paragraphs 1 or 2.
5. When more than one State Party claims jurisdiction over the offences set forth in article 2, the relevant States Parties shall strive to coordinate their actions appropriately, in particular concerning the conditions for prosecution and the modalities for mutual legal assistance.
6. Without prejudice to the norms of general international law, this Convention does not exclude the exercise of any criminal jurisdiction established by a State Party in accordance with its domestic law.

#### *Article 8*

1. Each State Party shall take appropriate measures, in accordance with its domestic legal principles, for the identification, detection and freezing or seizure of any funds used or allocated for the purpose of committing the offences set forth in article 2 as well as the proceeds derived from such offences, for purposes of possible forfeiture.
2. Each State Party shall take appropriate measures, in accordance with its domestic legal principles, for the forfeiture of funds used or allocated for the purpose of committing the offences set forth in article 2 and the proceeds derived from such offences.
3. Each State Party concerned may give consideration to concluding agreements on the sharing with other States Parties, on a regular or case-by-case basis, of the funds derived from the forfeitures referred to in this article.

4. Each State Party shall consider establishing mechanisms whereby the funds derived from the forfeitures referred to in this article are utilized to compensate the victims of offences referred to in article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) or (b), or their families.

5. The provisions of this article shall be implemented without prejudice to the rights of third parties acting in good faith.

#### *Article 9*

1. Upon receiving information that a person who has committed or who is alleged to have committed an offence set forth in article 2 may be present in its territory, the State Party concerned shall take such measures as may be necessary under its domestic law to investigate the facts contained in the information.

2. Upon being satisfied that the circumstances so warrant, the State Party in whose territory the offender or alleged offender is present shall take the appropriate measures under its domestic law so as to ensure that person's presence for the purpose of prosecution or extradition.

3. Any person regarding whom the measures referred to in paragraph 2 are being taken shall be entitled to:

- (a) Communicate without delay with the nearest appropriate representative of the State of which that person is a national or which is otherwise entitled to protect that person's rights or, if that person is a stateless person, the State in the territory of which that person habitually resides;
- (b) Be visited by a representative of that State;
- (c) Be informed of that person's rights under subparagraphs (a) and (b).

4. The rights referred to in paragraph 3 shall be exercised in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State in the territory of which the offender or alleged offender is present, subject to the provision that the said laws and regulations must enable full effect to be given to the purposes for which the rights accorded under paragraph 3 are intended.

5. The provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be without prejudice to the right of any State Party having a claim to jurisdiction in accordance with article 7, paragraph 1, subparagraph (b), or paragraph 2, subparagraph (b), to invite the International Committee of the Red Cross to communicate with and visit the alleged offender.

6. When a State Party, pursuant to the present article, has taken a person into custody, it shall immediately notify, directly or through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the States Parties which have established jurisdiction in accordance with article 7, paragraph 1 or 2, and, if it considers it advisable, any other interested States Parties, of the fact that such person is in custody and of the circumstances which warrant that person's detention. The State which makes the investigation contemplated in paragraph 1 shall promptly inform the said States Parties of its findings and shall indicate whether it intends to exercise jurisdiction.

#### *Article 10*

1. The State Party in the territory of which the alleged offender is present shall, in cases to which article 7 applies, if it does not extradite that person, be obliged, without exception whatsoever and whether or not the offence was committed in its territory, to submit the case without undue delay to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution, through proceedings in accordance with the laws of that State. Those authorities shall take their decision in the same manner as in the case of any other offence of a grave nature under the law of that State.

2. Whenever a State Party is permitted under its domestic law to extradite or otherwise surrender one of its nationals only upon the condition that the person will be returned to that State to serve the sentence imposed as a result of the trial or proceeding for which the extradition or surrender of the person was sought, and this State and the State seeking the

extradition of the person agree with this option and other terms they may deem appropriate, such a conditional extradition or surrender shall be sufficient to discharge the obligation set forth in paragraph 1.

#### *Article 11*

1. The offences set forth in article 2 shall be deemed to be included as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty existing between any of the States Parties before the entry into force of this Convention. States Parties undertake to include such offences as extraditable offences in every extradition treaty to be subsequently concluded between them.

2. When a State Party which makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty receives a request for extradition from another State Party with which it has no extradition treaty, the requested State Party may, at its option, consider this Convention as a legal basis for extradition in respect of the offences set forth in article 2. Extradition shall be subject to the other conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

3. States Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognize the offences set forth in article 2 as extraditable offences between themselves, subject to the conditions provided by the law of the requested State.

4. If necessary, the offences set forth in article 2 shall be treated, for the purposes of extradition between States Parties, as if they had been committed not only in the place in which they occurred but also in the territory of the States that have established jurisdiction in accordance with article 7, paragraphs 1 and 2.

5. The provisions of all extradition treaties and arrangements between States Parties with regard to offences set forth in article 2 shall be deemed to be modified as between States Parties to the extent that they are incompatible with this Convention.

#### *Article 12*

1. States Parties shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with criminal investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings in respect of the offences set forth in article 2, including assistance in obtaining evidence in their possession necessary for the proceedings.

2. States Parties may not refuse a request for mutual legal assistance on the ground of bank secrecy.

3. The requesting Party shall not transmit or use information or evidence furnished by the requested Party for investigations, prosecutions or proceedings other than those stated in the request without the prior consent of the requested Party.

4. Each State Party may give consideration to establishing mechanisms to share with other States Parties information or evidence needed to establish criminal, civil or administrative liability pursuant to article 5.

5. States Parties shall carry out their obligations under paragraphs 1 and 2 in conformity with any treaties or other arrangements on mutual legal assistance or information exchange that may exist between them. In the absence of such treaties or arrangements, States Parties shall afford one another assistance in accordance with their domestic law.

#### *Article 13*

None of the offences set forth in article 2 shall be regarded, for the purposes of extradition or mutual legal assistance, as a fiscal offence. Accordingly, States Parties may not refuse a request for extradition or for mutual legal assistance on the sole ground that it concerns a fiscal offence.

*Article 14*

None of the offences set forth in article 2 shall be regarded for the purposes of extradition or mutual legal assistance as a political offence or as an offence connected with a political offence or as an offence inspired by political motives. Accordingly, a request for extradition or for mutual legal assistance based on such an offence may not be refused on the sole ground that it concerns a political offence or an offence connected with a political offence or an offence inspired by political motives.

*Article 15*

Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as imposing an obligation to extradite or to afford mutual legal assistance, if the requested State Party has substantial grounds for believing that the request for extradition for offences set forth in article 2 or for mutual legal assistance with respect to such offences has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of that person's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion or that compliance with the request would cause prejudice to that person's position for any of these reasons.

*Article 16*

1. A person who is being detained or is serving a sentence in the territory of one State Party whose presence in another State Party is requested for purposes of identification, testimony or otherwise providing assistance in obtaining evidence for the investigation or prosecution of offences set forth in article 2 may be transferred if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The person freely gives his or her informed consent;
- (b) The competent authorities of both States agree, subject to such conditions as those States may deem appropriate.

2. For the purposes of the present article:

- (a) The State to which the person is transferred shall have the authority and obligation to keep the person transferred in custody, unless otherwise requested or authorized by the State from which the person was transferred;
- (b) The State to which the person is transferred shall without delay implement its obligation to return the person to the custody of the State from which the person was transferred as agreed beforehand, or as otherwise agreed, by the competent authorities of both States;
- (c) The State to which the person is transferred shall not require the State from which the person was transferred to initiate extradition proceedings for the return of the person;
- (d) The person transferred shall receive credit for service of the sentence being served in the State from which he or she was transferred for time spent in the custody of the State to which he or she was transferred.

3. Unless the State Party from which a person is to be transferred in accordance with the present article so agrees, that person, whatever his or her nationality, shall not be prosecuted or detained or subjected to any other restriction of his or her personal liberty in the territory of the State to which that person is transferred in respect of acts or convictions anterior to his or her departure from the territory of the State from which such person was transferred.

*Article 17*

Any person who is taken into custody or regarding whom any other measures are taken or proceedings are carried out pursuant to this Convention shall be guaranteed fair treatment, including enjoyment of all rights and guarantees in conformity with the law of the State in the territory of which that person is present and applicable provisions of international law, including international human rights law.

*Article 18*

1. States Parties shall cooperate in the prevention of the offences set forth in article 2 by taking all practicable measures, *inter alia*, by adapting their domestic legislation, if necessary, to prevent and counter preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those offences within or outside their territories, including:

- (a) Measures to prohibit in their territories illegal activities of persons and organizations that knowingly encourage, instigate, organize or engage in the commission of offences set forth in article 2;
- (b) Measures requiring financial institutions and other professions involved in financial transactions to utilize the most efficient measures available for the identification of their usual or occasional customers, as well as customers in whose interest accounts are opened, and to pay special attention to unusual or suspicious transactions and report transactions suspected of stemming from a criminal activity. For this purpose, States Parties shall consider:
  - (i) Adopting regulations prohibiting the opening of accounts the holders or beneficiaries of which are unidentified or unidentifiable, and measures to ensure that such institutions verify the identity of the real owners of such transactions;
  - (ii) With respect to the identification of legal entities, requiring financial institutions, when necessary, to take measures to verify the legal existence and the structure of the customer by obtaining, either from a public register or from the customer or both, proof of incorporation, including information concerning the customer's name, legal form, address, directors and provisions regulating the power to bind the entity;
  - (iii) Adopting regulations imposing on financial institutions the obligation to report promptly to the competent authorities all complex, unusual large transactions and unusual patterns of transactions, which have no apparent economic or obviously lawful purpose, without fear of assuming criminal or civil liability for breach of any restriction on disclosure of information if they report their suspicions in good faith;
  - (iv) Requiring financial institutions to maintain, for at least five years, all necessary records on transactions, both domestic or international.

2. States Parties shall further cooperate in the prevention of offences set forth in article 2 by considering:

- (a) Measures for the supervision, including, for example, the licensing, of all money-transmission agencies;
- (b) Feasible measures to detect or monitor the physical cross-border transportation of cash and bearer negotiable instruments, subject to strict safeguards to ensure proper use of information and without impeding in any way the freedom of capital movements.

3. States Parties shall further cooperate in the prevention of the offences set forth in article 2 by exchanging accurate and verified information in accordance with their domestic law and coordinating administrative and other measures taken, as appropriate, to prevent the commission of offences set forth in article 2, in particular by:

- (a) Establishing and maintaining channels of communication between their competent agencies and services to facilitate the secure and rapid exchange of information concerning all aspects of offences set forth in article 2;

- (b) Cooperating with one another in conducting inquiries, with respect to the offences set forth in article 2, concerning:
  - (i) The identity, whereabouts and activities of persons in respect of whom reasonable suspicion exists that they are involved in such offences;
  - (ii) The movement of funds relating to the commission of such offences.

4. States Parties may exchange information through the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

#### *Article 19*

The State Party where the alleged offender is prosecuted shall, in accordance with its domestic law or applicable procedures, communicate the final outcome of the proceedings to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit the information to the other States Parties.

#### *Article 20*

The States Parties shall carry out their obligations under this Convention in a manner consistent with the principles of sovereign equality and territorial integrity of States and that of non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other States.

#### *Article 21*

Nothing in this Convention shall affect other rights, obligations and responsibilities of States and individuals under international law, in particular the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian law and other relevant conventions.

#### *Article 22*

Nothing in this Convention entitles a State Party to undertake in the territory of another State Party the exercise of jurisdiction or performance of functions which are exclusively reserved for the authorities of that other State Party by its domestic law.

#### *Article 23*

1. The annex may be amended by the addition of relevant treaties that:

- (a) Are open to the participation of all States;
- (b) Have entered into force;
- (c) Have been ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to by at least twenty-two States Parties to the present Convention.

2. After the entry into force of this Convention, any State Party may propose such an amendment. Any proposal for an amendment shall be communicated to the depositary in written form. The depositary shall notify proposals that meet the requirements of paragraph 1 to all States Parties and seek their views on whether the proposed amendment should be adopted.

3. The proposed amendment shall be deemed adopted unless one third of the States Parties object to it by a written notification not later than 180 days after its circulation.

4. The adopted amendment to the annex shall enter into force 30 days after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of such amendment for all those States Parties that have deposited such an instrument. For each State Party ratifying, accepting or approving the amendment after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument, the amendment shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State Party of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

#### *Article 24*

1. Any dispute between two or more States Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention which cannot be settled through negotiation within a reasonable time shall, at the request of one of them, be submitted to arbitration. If, within six months from the date of the request for arbitration, the parties are unable to agree on the organization of the arbitration, any one of those parties may refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice, by application, in conformity with the Statute of the Court.

2. Each State may at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance or approval of this Convention or accession thereto declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraph 1. The other States Parties shall not be bound by paragraph 1 with respect to any State Party which has made such a reservation.

3. Any State which has made a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2 may at any time withdraw that reservation by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### *Article 25*

1. This Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 10 January 2000 to 31 December 2001 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

2. This Convention is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention shall be open to accession by any State. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### *Article 26*

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. For each State ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

#### *Article 27*

1. Any State Party may denounce this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect one year following the date on which notification is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### *Article 28*

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall send certified copies thereof to all States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 10 January 2000.

#### ANNEX

1. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, done at The Hague on 16 December 1970.
2. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 23 September 1971.
3. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1973.
4. International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1979.
5. Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on 3 March 1980.
6. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988.
7. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988.
8. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988.
9. International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1997.



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**About this Revised Act**

This Revised Act presents the text of the Act as it has been amended since enactment, and preserves the format in which it was passed.

**Related legislation**

***Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Acts 2005 and 2015***: this Act is one of a group of Acts included in this collective citation (*Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Act 2015* (17/2015), s. 12(2)). The Acts in this group are:

- *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005* (2/2005)
- *Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) (Amendment) Act 2015* (17/2015)

**Annotations**

This Revised Act is not annotated and only shows textual amendments. An annotated version of this revision is also available which shows textual and non-textual amendments and their sources. It also shows editorial notes including statutory instruments made pursuant to the Act and previous affecting provisions.

**Material not updated in this revision**

Where other legislation is amended by this Act, those amendments may have been superseded by other amendments in other legislation, or the amended legislation may have been repealed or revoked. This information is not represented in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the amended legislation if one is available. A list of legislative changes to any Act, and to statutory instruments from 1972, may be found linked from the page of the Act or statutory instrument at [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).