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**Act
on the amendment of the Penal Code**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

Chapter 1, section 11, paragraph 2 (563/1998) and Chapter 40, section 9, paragraph 3 (815/1998) of the Penal Code (39/1889) enacted on 19 December 1889 shall be amended, and

a new section 12 a shall be added to Chapter 15, a new section 19 a shall be added to Chapter 16 and a new paragraph 4 shall be added to section 20 of Chapter 16 (815/1998), as follows:

Chapter 1 – Scope of application of the criminal law of Finland (626/1996)*Section 11 – Requirement of dual punishability*

- (1) -----
- (2) Even if the offence is not punishable under the law of the place of commission, Finnish law shall apply to it if it has been committed by a Finnish citizen or a person referred to in section 6(3)(1) [*a person who at the time of the offence was, or at the beginning of the trial is, permanently resident in Finland*], and the penalty for it has been laid down in
 - (1) sections 1-9 of chapter 15 by virtue of section 12 a of the said chapter,
 - (2) sections 1-3, 13 or 14 of chapter 16 by virtue of section 19 a of the said chapter,
 - (3) section 18 or 19 of chapter 17,
 - (4) sections 6—8 of chapter 20,
 - (5) section 9 of chapter 20, where the act is directed at a person younger than eighteen years of age (563/1998), or
 - (6) sections 1-4 of chapter 40, where the offender is an official of the International Criminal Court

Chapter 15 – Offences against the administration of justice (563/1998)*Section 12 a – Offences against the administration of justice by the International Criminal Court*

For the purposes of application of the provisions on false statement, false denunciation, falsification of evidence, and threatening a person to be heard in the administration of justice, “a court of law” shall also mean the International Criminal Court and “criminal

investigations” shall also mean an investigation referred to in the Statute of the International Criminal Court.

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Chapter 16 – Offences against the public authorities (563/1998)

Section 19 a – Offences against the International Criminal Court

“A public official” referred to in sections 1-3 [*violent resistance to a public official, resistance to a public official and obstruction of a public official*], and sections 13 and 14 [*bribery and aggravated bribery*] of this chapter shall also mean an official of the International Criminal Court.

Section 20 – Definitions

- (1) -----
- (2) -----
- (3) -----
- (4) *An official of the International Criminal Court* means a person who is in the service of the International Criminal Court as a Judge, Prosecutor, Registrar or official of the Office of the Prosecutor or the Registry.

Chapter 40 – Offences in public office and offences by an employee of a public corporation (792/1989)

Section 9 – Provision on application

- (1) -----
- (2) -----
- (3) The provisions in sections 1 – 4 of this chapter [*acceptance of a bribe, aggravated acceptance of a bribe, bribery violation, forfeiture*] apply also where the offender is a person in the service of the European Communities, as referred to in chapter 16, section 20, an official of another Member State of the European Union, or an official of the International Criminal Court.

The provisions on the entry into force of this Act shall be given in a Decree issued by the President of the Republic.