

**GENOCIDE ACT**

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**Note on Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

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**An Act to give effect to the Genocide Convention.**

1 of 1977.

[31ST JANUARY 1977]

Commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Genocide Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act “the Genocide Convention” means the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9th December 1948.

Interpretation.

3. (1) A person who commits any act falling within the definition of “genocide” in Article II of the Genocide Convention as set out in the Schedule is liable on conviction on indictment—

Offence of genocide.

Schedule.

- (a) to the same punishment as is provided for murder if the act committed was the one specified in paragraph (a) of the said Article II; or
- (b) to imprisonment for fourteen years in any other case.

(2) No proceedings shall be instituted under this Act except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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**SCHEDULE**

Section 3(1).

**ARTICLE II OF THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION**

In the present Convention genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) killing members of the group;
- (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

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