

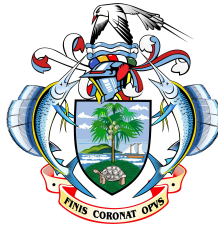
## **PREVENTION OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023**

*(Act 21 of 2023)*

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*I assent*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wavel".

Wavel Ramkalawan  
President

*6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023*

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT (CAP. 179) IN ORDER TO BRING CLARITY TO THE DEFINITION OF “TERRORIST ACT” AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.**

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

### **Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2023.

### **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Cap.179) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) is amended in the definition of “terrorist act” by repealing paragraph (ix).

### **Amendment of section 3**

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1)(a)(iv) by deleting the word “Facilitate” and substituting therefor the word “facilitated”;

### **Amendment of section 5**

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by deleting the word “Terrorism” and substituting therefor the word “Terrorist”.

### **Amendment of section 12**

5. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “provides” when it first appears and substituting therefor the word “provide”.

### **Amendment of section 15**

6. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (a) by deleting the word “knowing” and substituting therefor the word “knowingly”.

### **Amendment of section 20B**

7. Section 20B of the principal Act is amended by deleting the definitions of “biological weapons” and “chemical weapons” and substituting therefor the following —

““biological weapons” are —

- (a) micro bial or other biological agents, or toxins whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes; and

- (b) weapons, equipment or delivery systems specially designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict;

“chemical weapons” means —

- (a) toxic chemicals and their precursors, except where intended for —
  - (i) industrial, agricultural, research, medical, pharmaceutical or other peaceful purposes;
  - (ii) protective purposes, namely those purposes directly related to protection against toxic chemicals and to protection against chemical weapons;
  - (iii) military purposes not connected with the use of chemical weapons and not dependent on the use of the toxic properties of chemicals as a method of warfare; or
  - (iv) law enforcement including domestic riot control purposes, as long as the types and quantities are consistent with such purposes;
- (b) the munitions and devices, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of those toxic chemicals specified in paragraph (a), which would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions and devices; and
- (c) any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of munitions and devices specified in paragraph (b),  
together or separately;”

### **Amendment of section 20D**

8. Section 20D of the principal Act is amended in —



- (a) subsection (3) —
  - (i) in paragraph (ii) by deleting the letter “a.” before the words “terrorist or”;
  - (ii) in paragraph (iii) by deleting the letter “a” after the word “by”;
  - (iii) in paragraph (iv) by deleting the letter “a” after the word “of”;
- (b) in subsection (3D) in paragraph (d) by deleting the words “on behalf. or” and substituting therefor the words “on behalf of or”;

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.



Mrs. Tania Isaac  
Clerk to the National Assembly