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CHAPTER 110**

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CAP. 92,
R.E. 1980-1990,
10 of 1970,
S. I. 16 of 1971

[5th April 1971]

Short title.

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

Genocide.

2.—(1) A person commits an offence of genocide if he commits any act falling within the definition of “genocide” in Article II of the Genocide Convention as set out in the Schedule.

(2) Any person who attempts, conspires or incites any person to commit the offence of genocide is guilty of an offence and is liable to punishment as provided in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

(3) A person found guilty of an offence of genocide shall on conviction on indictment,

(a) if the offence consists of the killing of any person, be liable to be sentenced to death;

(b) in any other case, be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years.

(4) The offence of genocide shall be triable solely on indictment.

Application of Extradition Act.

3.—(1) The Extradition Act Cap. 112, shall apply to this Act.

(2) For the purposes of the Extradition Act, Cap. 112, no offence which, if committed in Belize, would be punishable as an offence of genocide or as an attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit such an offence shall be regarded as an offence of a political character and no proceedings in respect of such an offence shall be regarded as a criminal matter of a political character.

4. It shall not be an objection to any proceedings taken against a person by virtue of sections 2 and 3 of this Act that under any law in force at the time when and in the place where he is alleged to have committed the act of which he is accused or of which he is convicted he could not have been punished therefor.

No objection to proceedings.

SCHEDULE

GENOCIDE ACT

Article II of Genocide Convention

[Section 2]

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.