



A BILL for an Act

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**THE ANTI – TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017**

An Act to amend the Anti – Terrorism Act, 2002, to further amend the definitions of “terrorism” and “acts of terrorism”; to include the revised international aspects envisaged by the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism; and for related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

**1. Amendment of section 2 of the Anti – Terrorism Act, 2002**

Section 2 of the Anti – Terrorism Act, 2002, in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”, is amended by inserting immediately after the definition of “State or government facility” the following definition—

““suspected terrorist” means an individual designated as such pursuant to regulations issued under section 32A;”

**2. Amendment of section 7 of the Anti – Terrorism Act, 2002**

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting immediately after subsection (1), the following—

“(1a) A person commits an act of terrorism who —

- (a) carries out or perpetrates any act, whether occurring in Uganda or elsewhere, that constitutes a crime in accordance with agreements, protocols and treaties described in the annex to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, 1999; or
- (b) travels outside Uganda for the purpose of the perpetration, planning, or preparation of, or participation in terrorist acts or the providing or receiving of terrorist training.”;

(b) by repealing paragraph (y).

### **3. Amendment of section 9A of the principal Act**

Section 9A of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

“(1) A person commits an offence, who willingly collects or provides funds, directly or indirectly, by any means, with the intention that such funds will be used, or in the knowledge that such funds are to be used, in full or in part, by—

- (a) a suspected terrorist or a terrorist organisation;
- (b) a person, to travel outside Uganda for the purpose of the perpetration, planning, or preparation of, or participation in, terrorist acts, or the providing or receiving of terrorist training whether against Uganda or any other state; or
- (c) any person, to carry out a terrorist act.”

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MEMORANDUM

**1. Object of the Bill**

The object of this Bill is to further amend the definitions of “terrorism” and “acts of terrorism” to include the revised international aspects envisaged by the United Nations Convention against terrorism; and for related purposes.

**2. Defects in the existing law**

Uganda amended the Anti-Terrorism law in June, 2015 to address the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations on terrorism and terrorism financing. The Bill seeks to further amend the Anti-Terrorism law to provide for the revised suite of measures which are specifically designed to strengthen and improve Uganda’s counter-terrorism legislative framework to comply with Uganda’s international obligations and respond to terrorism threats.

**3. Provisions of the Bill**

Clause 1 seeks to amend section 2 to provide for the definition of a ‘suspected terrorist’.

Clause 2 seeks to amend section 7 of the principal Act to criminalise any act, whether occurring in Uganda or elsewhere, that constitutes a crime in accordance with agreements, protocols and treaties described in the annex to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, 1999.

Clause 3 seeks to amend section 9 on terrorism financing to criminalise travel outside Uganda for the purpose of the perpetration, planning, or preparation of, or participation in terrorist acts or the providing or receiving of terrorist training.

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