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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 1 of 1977**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to give effect to the Genocide Convention.

*[Assented to 31st January, 1977]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Genocide Act, 1977. Short title
2. In this Act “the Genocide Convention” means the Interpretation  
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the  
Crime of Genocide approved by the General Assembly  
of the United Nations on the 9th day of December, 1948.

Offence of  
genocide

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 guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment—

- (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.

#### 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.

Passed in the Senate this 7th day of December, 1976.

R. L. GRIFFITH

*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 14th day of January, 1977.

J. E. CARTER

*Clerk of the House*