

## **Amendment to the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism**

*Approved by the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice under resolution 648—session 22 (29 November 2006) and by the Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior under resolution 529—session 25 (31 January 2008)*

*The Council of Arab Ministers of Justice,  
Having considered the following:*

Council resolutions, the most recent being No. 589—session 21 (29 November 2005),

Executive Office decisions, the most recent being No. 500—meeting 34 (24 April 2006),

The report and recommendations issued on 27 and 28 February 2006 by the committee of experts from Arab ministries of justice that was convened to re-examine the amendment to article 1, paragraph 3 of the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism,

The relevant memorandum of the technical secretariat of the Council, The relevant recommendation of the Executive Office of the Council, And after discussion,

### *Decides*

1. To call upon those Arab States that have not yet ratified the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism to do so at the earliest opportunity.

2. To approve the amendment to article 1, paragraph 3 of the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, appended hereto.

3. To take note of the two reports issued by the Arab Criminal Police Bureau on measures taken by Arab ministries of the interior since 2006 to implement the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, and to call upon Arab ministries of the interior that have not yet submitted their responses to the questionnaire concerning follow-up to the implementation of the Convention to do so .

4. To continue the cooperation between the technical secretariat of the Council and the secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior regarding follow-up to the implementation of the Convention.

5. To call upon those Arab States that have not yet harmonized their legislations with the provisions of the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism to do so.

6. To affirm the importance of bilateral and multilateral Arab cooperation with a view to promoting the provisions of the Convention.

## PART ONE . DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

### *Article 1, paragraph 3: Terrorist offence*

Any offence or attempted offence committed in furtherance of a terrorist objective in any of the Contracting States, or against their property or interests, or against their nationals or the property of their nationals, that is punishable by their domestic law; incitement to or celebration of terrorist offences; publishing, printing or preparing documents, publications or recordings of any kind for dissemination or for perusal by others for the purpose of encouraging the perpetration of such offences . It shall be considered a terrorist offence knowingly to provide or collect funds of any kind in order to finance terrorist offences.

The offences stipulated in the following conventions, except where conventions have not been ratified by Contracting States or where offences have been excluded by their legislation, shall also be regarded as terrorist offences:

- (a) The Tokyo Convention on offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, of 14 September 1963;
- (b) The Hague Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, of 16 December 1970;
- (c) The Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, of 23 September 1971, and the Protocol thereto of 10 May 1984;
- (d) The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, of 14 December 1973;
- (e) The International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, of 17 December 1979;
- (f) The provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, of 1982, relating to piracy on the high seas.