

International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Faunacide

Article 1

The Contracting Parties confirm that faunacide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and to punish.

Article 2

In the present Convention, faunacide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy or enslave, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, religious, or species 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 or reasonably certain to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to or reasonably certain to (1) promote births within the group, with the further intent of enslaving or killing the resulting offspring, or (2) prevent births within the group;
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group;
- (f) Buying, selling, or trading body parts or secretions of members of the group;
- (g) Forcibly placing or keeping members of the group in a combat zone;
- (h) Experimenting on members of the group without their knowledge and consent;
- (i) Any act previously recognized as genocide under "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide", Resolution 260 (III) A of the United Nations General, 9 December 1948.

Article 3

The following acts shall be punishable:

- (a) Faunacide;
- (b) Conspiracy to commit faunacide;
- (c) Direct and public incitement to commit faunacide;
- (d) Attempt to commit faunacide;
- (e) Complicity in faunacide.

Article 4

Persons committing faunacide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3 shall be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials, or private individuals.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties undertake to enact, in accordance with their respective Constitutions, the necessary legislation to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and, in particular, to provide effective penalties for persons guilty of faunacide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3.

Article 6

Persons charged with faunacide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3 shall be tried by a competent tribunal of the State in the territory of which the act was committed, or by such international penal tribunal as may have jurisdiction with respect to those Contracting Parties which shall have accepted its jurisdiction.

Article 7

Faunacide and the other acts enumerated in Article 3 shall not be considered as political crimes for the purpose of extradition. The Contracting Parties pledge themselves in such cases to grant extradition in accordance with their laws and treaties in force.

Article 8

Any Contracting Party may call upon the competent organs of _____ to take such action under the _____ as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of faunacide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3.

Article 9

Disputes between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation, application or fulfillment of the present Convention, including those relating to the responsibility of a State for faunacide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3, shall be submitted to _____ at the request of any of the parties to the dispute.

Article 10

The present Convention, of which the _____ texts are equally authentic, shall bear the date of _____.

Article 11

The present Convention shall be open until _____ for signature on behalf of _____ and of any non-member State to which an invitation to sign has been addressed by _____. The present Convention shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with _____. After _____, the present Convention may be acceded to on behalf of _____ and of any non-member State which has received an invitation as aforesaid. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with _____.

Article 12

Any Contracting Party may at any time, by notification addressed to _____, extend the application of the present Convention to all or any of the territories for the conduct of whose foreign relations that Contracting Party is responsible.

Article 13

On the day when the first _____ instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited, the _____ shall draw up a proces-verbal and transmit a copy of it to _____. The present Convention shall come into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession. Any ratification or accession effected subsequent to the latter date shall become effective on the ninetieth day following the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 14

The present Convention shall remain in effect for a period of ten years as from the date of its coming into force. It shall thereafter remain in force for successive periods of five years for such Contracting Parties as have not denounced it at least six months before the expiration of the current period. Denunciation shall be effected by a written notification addressed to _____.

Article 15

If, as a result of denunciations, the number of Parties to the present Convention should become less than _____, the Convention shall cease to be in force as from the date on which the last of these denunciations shall become effective.

Article 16

A request for the revision of the present Convention may be made at any time by any Contracting Party by means of a notification in writing addressed to the _____. The _____ shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such request.

Article 17

The _____ shall notify _____ of the following:

- (a) Signatures, ratifications and accessions received in accordance with Article 11;
- (b) Notifications received in accordance with Article 12;
- (c) The date upon which the present Convention comes into force in accordance with Article 13;
- (d) Denunciations received in accordance with Article 14;
- (e) The abrogation of the Convention in accordance with Article 15;
- (f) Notifications received in accordance with Article 16.

Article 18

The original of the present Convention shall be deposited in the archives of _____. A certified copy of the Convention shall be transmitted to _____ and to the non-member States contemplated in Article 11 _____.

Article 19

The present Convention shall be registered by _____ on the date of its coming into force.



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