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PROHIBITED ORGANISATIONS ACT, 1976

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AN ACT to provide for the prohibition of certain organisations and for related matters.

1. Prohibition of organisation

(1) The following organisations are hereby declared unlawful and prohibited, namely,

- (a) the organisation known variously as the Togoland Liberation Movement, "T.L.M.", or "T.O.L.I.M.O.", the National Liberation Movement of Western Togoland or "N.L.M.W.T.", and
- (b) any other organisation, by whatever name it is called, whose objects include advocating and promoting the secession from the Republic of Ghana of the former British mandated territory of Togoland or part of that territory or the integration of that territory with a foreign territory.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the President may, by executive instrument, declare an organisation to be an organisation to which that paragraph applies, and an organisation so declared is an organisation to which that paragraph applies.

2. Offence and penalty

(1) On and after the commencement of this Act, it is an offence for a person, in relation to an organisation referred to in section 1

- (a) to summon a person to a meeting of the organisation;
- (b) to attend or cause a person to attend a meeting of the organisation;
- (c) to publish a notice or an advertisement relating to a meeting of the organisation;

1. The Act was issued as the Prohibited Organisations Decree, 1976 (S.M.C.D. 20) and notified in the *Gazette* on 12th March, 1976.

- (d) to prepare or participate in a procession or propaganda, or campaign of the organisation;
- (e) to use a slogan or label of the organisation;
- (f) to invite persons to support the organisation;
- (g) to grant a loan to, or make a contribution to, the funds held or to be held by, or for the benefit of, the organisation or accept a loan or contribution;
- (h) to give a guarantee in respect of a loan or the funds; or
- (i) to be a member of that organisation.

(2) A person who contravenes a provision of subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

3. Punishment of citizens

A citizen of Ghana may be tried and punished for an offence under section 2 although the act in respect of the charge was committed wholly or partly outside the Republic.

4. Repeal

*Spent.*²

5. Commencement

*Spent.*³

2. The section provided for the repeal of the National Liberation Movement of Togoland (Proscription) Decree, 1976 (S.M.C.D. 18).

3. The section provided that:

“The Decree shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd day of March, 1976.”