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*Inter-group Fighting (Amendment) Act 2000.*

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AN ACT

entitled

*Inter-group Fighting (Amendment) Act 2000,*

Being an Act to amend the *Inter-Group Fighting Act* (Chapter 344),

MADE by the National Parliament to come into operation in accordance with a notice published in the National Gazette by the Head of State, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the Minister.

**1. TAKING PART IN INTER-GROUP FIGHT (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 11).**

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after Subsection (3) the following new Subsection:-

“(3A). Where the Court after an enquiry under Section 15, determines that a person referred to in Subsection (2) is a principal offender or a leader of the fight, the following penalties apply -

- (a) in relation to an inter-group fight in which a person is killed - imprisonment for a term not less than 20 years and not more than 30 years; or
- (b) in relation to an inter-group fight in which no person is killed - imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years.”.

**2. ORGANISING, ETC., AN INTER-GROUP FIGHT (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 12).**

Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by repealing the penalty provision and replacing it with the following:-

“Penalty: Imprisonment for a term not less than five years and not more than 10 years.”.

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3. **INCITING, ETC., PERSON TO FIGHT (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13).**

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by repealing the penalty provision and replacing it with the following:-

“Penalty: Imprisonment for a term not less than five years and not more than 10 years.”.

4. **RECORDS OF PEACE-MAKING CEREMONIES TO BE KEPT (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 21).**

Section 21(1)(c) of the Principal Act is amended by repealing the words “death of or injury to any person or for”.

5. **NEW SECTION 21A.**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after Section 21, the following new Section:-

“21A. **COMPENSATION PAYMENT.**

A group under Section 21 shall not hold a ceremony for the purpose of paying compensation for the death or injury to a person.”.

6. **NEW SECTION 24A.**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after Section 24, the following new Section:-

“24A. **PROSECUTION FOR UNLAWFUL DEATH.**

Notwithstanding a ceremony held under Section 21 or 21A, where death has resulted from an inter-group fight, the principals and leaders of the fight shall be liable to prosecution for wilful murder as accessories to the fact of the death under the *Criminal Code* (Chapter 262).”.

I hereby certify that the above is a fair print of the *Inter-group Fighting (Amendment) Act 2000* which has been made by the National Parliament.

Clerk of the National Parliament.

I hereby certify that the *Inter-group Fighting (Amendment) Act 2000* was made by the National Parliament on 6 April 2000.

Speaker of the National Parliament.