

**THE PREVENTION AND PROHIBITION OF TORTURE ACT,
2023**

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to provide the legal framework for the prohibition, prevention and punishment of any form of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and connected matters.

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ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act, 2023.

2. Interpretation

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires -

“Commission” means the National Human Rights Commission;

“Convention” means the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984;

“deadly weapon” includes -

- (a) an instrument made or adapted for shooting, stabbing or cutting, and any imitation of such an instrument,
- (b) any substance, which when used for offensive purposes is capable of causing death or grievous harm or is capable of inducing fear in a person that it is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm, and
- (b) any substance intended to render the victim of the offence unconscious”;

“Minister” means the Attorney General and Minister of Justice;

“offender” means a person who commits an act of torture;