

Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA and amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA

TITLE II

**TERRORIST OFFENCES AND OFFENCES RELATED TO A TERRORIST GROUP**

*Article 3*

**Terrorist offences**

1 Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the following intentional acts, as defined as offences under national law, which, given their nature or context, may seriously damage a country or an international organisation, are defined as terrorist offences where committed with one of the aims listed in paragraph 2:

- a attacks upon a person's life which may cause death;
- b attacks upon the physical integrity of a person;
- c kidnapping or hostage-taking;
- d causing extensive destruction to a government or public facility, a transport system, an infrastructure facility, including an information system, a fixed platform located on the continental shelf, a public place or private property likely to endanger human life or result in major economic loss;
- e seizure of aircraft, ships or other means of public or goods transport;
- f manufacture, possession, acquisition, transport, supply or use of explosives or weapons, including chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons, as well as research into, and development of, chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons;
- g release of dangerous substances, or causing fires, floods or explosions, the effect of which is to endanger human life;
- h interfering with or disrupting the supply of water, power or any other fundamental natural resource, the effect of which is to endanger human life;
- i illegal system interference, as referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(1)</sup> in cases where Article 9(3) or point (b) or (c) of Article 9(4) of that Directive applies, and illegal data interference, as referred to in Article 5 of that Directive in cases where point (c) of Article 9(4) of that Directive applies;
- j threatening to commit any of the acts listed in points (a) to (i).

2 The aims referred to in paragraph 1 are:

- a seriously intimidating a population;
- b unduly compelling a government or an international organisation to perform or abstain from performing any act;
- c seriously destabilising or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a country or an international organisation.

#### *Article 4*

### **Offences relating to a terrorist group**

Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the following acts, when committed intentionally, are punishable as a criminal offence:

- (a) directing a terrorist group;
- (b) participating in the activities of a terrorist group, including by supplying information or material resources, or by funding its activities in any way, with knowledge of the fact that such participation will contribute to the criminal activities of the terrorist group.

- (1) Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 August 2013 on attacks against information systems and replacing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA ([OJ L 218](#), 14.8.2013, p. 8).