



Geneva Conventions Act 1957

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Punishment of offenders against conventions

[^{F1}1A Trial and punishment of offences under s.1

- (1) The following provisions apply in relation to offences under section 1 of this Act.
- (2) The offence is triable only on indictment.
- (3) Proceedings for an offence shall not be instituted—
 - (a) in England and Wales, except by or with the consent of the Attorney General;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, except by or with the consent of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.
- (4) If the offence is not committed in the United Kingdom—
 - (a) proceedings may be taken, and
 - (b) the offence may for incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in the United Kingdom.
- (5) A person convicted of an offence involving murder shall be dealt with as for an offence of murder.

In this subsection “murder” means the killing of a person in such circumstances as would constitute murder if committed in the part of the United Kingdom in which the proceedings are brought.
- (6) In any other case a person convicted of an offence is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 years.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1A inserted (1.9.2001 but without application in relation to offences committed before the commencement of s. 70 of the amending Act) by 2001 c. 17, s. 70(2)(3) (with ss. 56(2), 63(2), 78); S.I. 2001/2161, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Geneva Conventions Act 1957, Section 1A.