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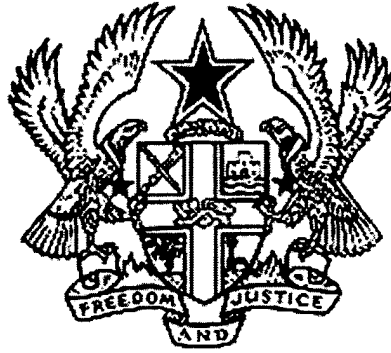
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SCHEDULE



THE EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOURTH

ACT

OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF GHANA
ENTITLED

ECONOMIC AND ORGANISED CRIME OFFICE ACT, 2010

AN ACT to establish an Economic and Organised Crime Office as a specialised agency to monitor and investigate economic and organised crime and on the authority of the Attorney-General prosecute these offences to recover the proceeds of crime and provide for related matters.

DATE OF ASSENT: *6th September, 2010.*

PASSED by Parliament and assented to by the President:

PART ONE-ECONOMIC AND ORGANISED CRIME OFFICE

*Economic and Organised Crime
Office*

Establishment of the Economic and Organised Crime Office

1. (1) There is established by this Act a body corporate with perpetual succession to be known as the Economic and Organised Crime Office.

(2) Where there is hindrance to the acquisition of property, the property may be acquired for the Office under the State Property and Contracts Act, 1960 (C.A.6) or the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) and the cost shall be borne by the Office.

Objects of the Office

2. The objects of the Office are to

- (a) prevent and detect organised crime, and
- (b) generally to facilitate the confiscation of the proceeds of crime.

Functions of the Office

3. The functions of the Office are to

- (a) investigate and on the authority of the Attorney-General prosecute serious offences that involve
 - (i) financial or economic loss to the Republic or any State entity or institution in which the State has financial interest,
 - (ii) money laundering,
 - (iii) human trafficking,
 - (iv) prohibited cyber activity,
 - (v) tax fraud, and
 - (vi) other serious offences;
- (b) recover the proceeds of crime;
- (c) monitor activities connected with the offences specified in paragraph (a) to detect correlative crimes;
- (d) take reasonable measures necessary to prevent the commission of crimes specified in paragraph (a) and their correlative offences;
- (e) disseminate information gathered in the course of investigation to law enforcement agencies, other appropriate public agencies and other persons the Office considers appropriate in connection with the offences specified in paragraph (a);
- (f) co-operate with relevant foreign or international agencies in furtherance of this Act; and
- (g) perform any other functions connected with the objects of the Office.

Governing body of the Office

4. (1) The governing body of the Office is a Board consisting of (a) a chairperson;
- (b) the Executive Director,
 - (c) one representative of the Inspector-General of Police not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner;