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An Act to grant general amnesty to citizens of Malawi resident in 16 of 1993 or outside Malawi, in respect of certain activities of a political nature whether or not constituting offences under the Laws of Malawi and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith

Part I – Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the General Amnesty Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**act**” in relation to any act to which this Act allies’ includes a statement or a publication made in any form;

[26 of 1993]

“**Committee**” means the Returnees Committee established under [section 7](#);

[26 of 1993]

“**returnee**” means a citizen of Malawi coming or returning to Malawi, to permanently reside in Malawi, under amnesty granted under this Act.

[26 of 1993]

Part II – General amnesty

3. General amnesty

(1) Any person, being a citizen of Malawi resident in or outside Malawi, whether in political exile or otherwise, who, at any time before the commencement of this Act, within or outside Malawi, severally or jointly with others, committed or did, or was privy to the commission or doing of any act, being an act to which this Act applies as specified in [section 4](#), is hereby granted general amnesty and shall not be liable—

- (a) to be prosecuted for an offence constituted by such act, or
- (b) to be detained under a detention order or arrested pending a detention order under the Preservation of Public Security Act.

[Cap. 14:02]