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An Act to enable effect to be given to certain international Conventions relative to the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick in armed forces in the field, the amelioration of the condition of wounded, sick and shipwrecked members of armed forces at sea, the treatment of prisoners of war, and the protection of civilian persons in time of war, and for purposes connected therewith.

[6 April 1973]

PART 1**PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1. This Act is the Geneva Conventions Act 1973.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “court” does not include a subordinate military court constituted under the Singapore Armed Forces Act 1972;
 - “protected internee” means a person protected by the Convention set out in the Fourth Schedule and interned in Singapore;
 - “protected prisoner of war” means a person protected by the Convention set out in the Third Schedule;

“Protecting Power”, in relation to a protected prisoner of war or a protected internee, means the Power or organisation which is carrying out, in the interests of the Power of which he or she is a national, or of whose forces he or she is, or was at any material time, a member, the duties assigned to Protecting Powers under the Convention set out in the Third or (as the case may be) the Fourth Schedule;

“red crescent emblem” means the emblem of a red crescent on a white ground as depicted in Part 1 of the Sixth Schedule;

“red cross emblem” means the emblem of a red cross on a white ground formed by reversing the Federal Colours of Switzerland as depicted in Part 2 of the Sixth Schedule;

“red crystal emblem” means the emblem of a red crystal composed of a red frame in the shape of a square on edge on a white ground as depicted in Part 3 of the Sixth Schedule;

“red lion and sun emblem” means the emblem of a red lion and sun on a white ground as depicted in Part 4 of the Sixth Schedule;

“scheduled Conventions” means the Conventions set out in the Schedules.

[55/2007]

PART 2

PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS AGAINST CONVENTIONS

Grave breaches of scheduled Conventions

3.—(1) Any person, whatever his or her citizenship or nationality, who, whether in or outside Singapore, commits, aids, abets or procures the commission by any other person of any grave breach of any scheduled Convention as is mentioned in the following Articles respectively of those Conventions:

- (a) Article 50 of the Convention set out in the First Schedule;
- (b) Article 51 of the Convention set out in the Second Schedule;