

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS (ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES) ORDINANCE ("UNATMO")

The Law Society has reviewed the Government's proposed amendments to the UNATMO and has the following submissions:

(A) The definition of "funds" in the UNATMO

The Law Society has no comment on the proposed amendment.

(B) The definition of "terrorist act"

The Law Society recommends that "international organization" should be defined in the UNATMO and a list of recognised international organizations should be maintained. Such list should be updated from time to time.

(C) Criminalization of the collection of funds for terrorists or terrorist organizations

The Law Society considers that "solicitation" of financial (or related) services, by any means, directly or indirectly under the new proposed section 8 may be beyond the scope of the FATF Recommendations and that is too wide. The current definition is so widely drafted that inadvertent infringement is extremely likely.

(D) Consequential amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance and Rules of the High Court

The Law Society reiterates its comment on "solicitation" of financial (or related) services as stated in the above paragraph (C).