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# **HOSTAGES ACT**

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### AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFENCE OF TAKING HOSTAGES<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [1 January 1985]

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#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Hostages Act.

#### 2 Hostage taking

- (1) A person, whatever his nationality, who, in Tuvalu or elsewhere —
  - (a) detains any other person; and
  - (b) in order to compel a State, international or governmental organization or person to do or not to do some act, threatens to kill or injure, or to continue to detain, the hostage,is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for life.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b), “**the hostage**” means the person referred to in subsection (1)(a).

#### 3 Prosecution or offences

Proceedings for an offence against section 2 may be instituted only by or with the consent of the Attorney General.

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> Act 7 of 1984