

XXXIII. POLAND⁸¹

1. SUMMARY OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE PENAL CODE⁸²

1. Article 136 of the Penal Code makes it an offence to assault or insult the head of a foreign state or its diplomatic representative, or a person who enjoys similar protection under acts of law, agreements or universally accepted international custom.
2. Article 163, paragraph 1 of the Penal Code makes it unlawful to cause the detonation of explosives, explosion of inflammable materials or any other serious release of energy, including nuclear energy, which poses a threat to life or health of many people or to property of great value.
3. Article 166 of the Penal Code makes it unlawful to take control over a ship or an aircraft.
4. Article 167 of the Penal Code makes it unlawful to place on a ship or an aircraft any device or substance posing a threat to people's safety or to a property of great value. Pursuant to this article it is also forbidden to damage, impair or cause navigational equipment to be unusable, or to prevent its use, if this may pose a threat to people.
5. Article 170 of the Penal Code applies to terrorist acts committed on the sea, i.e. acts of piracy. Pursuant to this article it is an offence to arm or to adapt in an unlawful way a ship for the purpose of committing robbery on the sea, as well as to do service on such ship.
6. Article 252 of the Penal Code stipulates criminal responsibility for the offence of taking or holding hostages for the purpose of compelling a state or a local authority, institution, organization, natural or legal person, or a group of people to act in a certain way.

⁸¹ Transmitted to the Secretariat by that Government on 26 April 2001.

⁸² Adopted in 1997.