

2. Word the new article 2 (old article 4) to read as follows:

"1. Each Contracting State shall undertake to make the offences mentioned in article 1 punishable by severe penalties.

"2. The Contracting States shall provide for mitigation of the penalties in the event of the voluntary release of hostages."

G. Working paper submitted by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A/AC.188/L.9)

For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" is the seizure or detention, not only of a person or persons, but also of masses under colonial, racist or foreign domination, in a way that threatens him or them with death, or severe injury or deprives him or them of their fundamental freedoms.

H. Working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic (A/AC.188/L.10) concerning the working paper submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.188/L.5)

For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" shall not apply to any act or acts carried out in the process of national liberation or resistance against colonial rule, racist régimes, alien domination and foreign occupation, by liberation movements recognized by their regional organizations or by the United Nations.

I. Working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic (A/AC.188/L.11) concerning the working paper submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.188/L.7)

Nothing in this Convention can be construed as justifying in any manner the threat or use of force or any interference whatsoever against the sovereignty, independence or territorial integrity of peoples and States, under the pretext of rescuing or freeing hostages.

J. Working paper submitted by Nicaragua (A/AC.188/L.12) concerning article 4 of the working paper submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany (A/AC.188/L.3)

Each Contracting State shall make the offences mentioned in article 1 punishable by severe penalties.

The Contracting States shall provide for mitigation of the penalties in the event of the voluntary release of hostages.