

**The legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan concerning the topic, including in relation to articles 100 to 107 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea:**

The national legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan has established a regulatory mechanism related to the prevention of the crime of piracy.

According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated July 2, 2001, Article 219-1 was added to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, thereby establishing criminal liability for "Piracy". According to the Criminal Code, piracy is an attack on sea and river ships with the aim of seizing another's property using force or threat of use of force and is punishable by imprisonment from 5 up to 10 years. The same actions committed by a group of persons, by group of persons with prior agreement, when committed by the use of weapons or items used as weapons, are punished by imprisonment from 8 up to 12 years. The same actions when committed repeatedly, by organized group or criminal community (criminal organization), on imprudence entailed to death of a victim or other heavy consequences, are punished by imprisonment from 12 up to 20 years or life imprisonment.

According to Article 12.3 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan, foreigners or stateless persons who have committed crimes related to piracy, shall be brought to criminal responsibility, and punished on the basis of this Code, regardless of the place where the crimes were committed.

By the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated April 18, 2014, amendments were made to the criminal procedural legislation regulating the detention period of persons suspected of committing serious crimes, including piracy (Clauses 6 and 7 have been added to Article 148 of the Criminal Procedure Code).

Article 148.6 of the Criminal Procedure Code states that when a person is suspected of committing a crime, the detention of a person cannot last more than 48 hours, except for the case stipulated in Article 148.7 of this Code. The person arrested before that period should be charged, and in the case of the prosecutor's presentation regarding the arrest, he should be brought to court, the court must hear the case without adjournment and issue a decision on the selection of pre-trial detention or his release.

In Article 148.7 of the Criminal Procedure Code, along with a number of other articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the large number of suspects or accused persons in criminal cases investigated under Article 219-1 (Piracy), the special complexity of the case or the size of the collected materials, if it obstructs the implementation of the measures provided for in Article 148.6 of the Code within 48 hours, this period can be extended for a period of no more than 48 hours by the decision of the court based on the reasoned petition of the investigator and the presentation of the prosecutor conducting the procedural management of the preliminary investigation.

In accordance with the Law dated October 12, 2018, by amending Article 214-1 (Terrorist financing) of the Criminal Code, the scope of the fight against the financing of terrorism was expanded.

According to other amendments, Article 219-2 (Actions threatening the safety of stationary platforms located at sea), 227-1 (Threatening to loot radioactive materials) and Article 270-1 (Actions threatening aviation safety) were added to the Criminal Code. The amendments were prepared to establish criminal liability for actions that threaten the safety of fixed platforms located at sea and aviation safety, as well as threats to kill, cause serious harm to health, or cause significant damage to property by looting radioactive materials and using these materials.