

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR
THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 19 OF 1982

To amend the Joint Public Order Regulation No. 11 of 1974.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows :-

1. The Joint Public Order Regulation No. 11 of 1974 is amended by,

(a) adding the following new section after section 13 :-

"Unlawful organisation. 13A.(1) The President of Republic on the advice of the Prime Minister may by proclamation declare any organisation to be an unlawful organisation if he is satisfied that a substantial number of its members have been involved in the commission or instigation of offences under this Act or have incited others to commit the same.

(2) Any person who is a member of an unlawful organisation or any person who acts in any manner on behalf of such organisation shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) In this section, 'organisation' includes an association or combination of persons."

(b) renumbering section 13A as 13B;

(c) adding the following item to the Schedule after item 13 :-

"13A. being a member or acting in any manner on behalf of an unlawful organisation (section 13A):	imprisonment for six months or a fine of VT 50,000 or both."
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Explanatory Note

The purpose of this law is to proscribe any organisation whose members have been involved in the commission of offences against the Public Order Regulation or who have incited other persons to commit such offences.

If after being advised by the Prime Minister, the President of the Republic is satisfied that a substantial number of members of an organisation are involved in the commission of offences, he may declare such organisation unlawful.

Once an organisation has been so declared, then any member of the organisation or any person who acts on behalf of the organisation becomes guilty of an offence, and is liable to imprisonment for six months or for a fine of VT 50.000 or both.

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