

I assent,

SAMUEL WEYMOUTH TAPLEY SEATON

Governor-General.

26th March, 2021.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. 15 of 2021

AN ACT to amend the Non-Government Organisations Act, Cap. 20.29.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Non-Government Organisations (Amendment) Act, 2021.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires the expression "Act" means the Non-Government Organisations Act, Cap. 20.59

3. Amendment of Section 3.

The Act is amended in section 3 by replacing subsection (1) as follows:

"(1) An NGO is a non-profit, non-governmental body, organisation or association whose aims, nature and objectives, are primarily for the benefit of the public and shall include activities that are patriotic, religious, charitable, for scientific inquiry, community development, for sustainable development, human rights, artistic, for protection of animals, social, professional or sporting character, or the like."

4. Amendment of Section 6.

The Act is amended in section 6 subsection (2) paragraph (b), by replacing the expression,

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"company limited by guarantee", with the expression, "that is a not for profit company";.

5. Amendment of Section 17.B.

The Act is amended in section 17.B by inserting immediately after subsection (2), a new subsection as follows

" (3) The provisions of subsection (1), shall be subject to the power of the Attorney General as the Central Authority for receiving and responding to requests in criminal matters pursuant to section 4 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Cap. 4.19.".

ANTHONY MICHAEL PERKINS Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 18th day of March, 2021.

SONIA BODDIE-THOMPSON Clerk of the National Assembly