

Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions - Angola) Repeal Regulations 2003 2003 No. 21

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 2003 No. 21

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Charter of the United Nations Act 1945

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Section 6 of the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* provides that the Governor-General may make Regulations for, and in relation to, giving effect to decisions that:

- (a) the Security Council has made under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and
- (b) Article 25 of the Charter requires Australia to carry out;

insofar as those decisions require Australia to apply measures not involving the use of armed force.

On 9 December 2002 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1448 (2002) terminating sanctions against Angola imposed by its Resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998). Resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998) had imposed a range of measures against the Angolan rebel group Uniao Nacional para a Independencia Total de Angola (UNITA) and other measures to reduce the humanitarian consequences of the civil conflict. The Security Council terminated these sanctions in recognition of steps taken by the Government of Angola and UNITA towards the full implementation of Security Council resolutions and various peace initiatives.

The purpose of the Regulations is to remove the measures currently in place in Australia which had been necessary to implement Resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998) now that these resolutions are no longer in force.

The Regulations will:

- repeal the Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions - Angola) Regulations 1994 (Statutory Rules 1994 No. 156; 1997 No. 392; and 1999 No. 207);
- amend the Foreign Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Regulations 2002 (No. 1);

The Regulations commence on gazettal.

ATTACHMENT

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Details of the Regulations are as follows:

Regulation 1 states the name of the Regulations;

Regulation 2 states that the Regulations commence on gazetta;

Regulation 3 states that the *Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions - Angola) Regulations 1994* (Statutory Rules 1994 No. 156, 1997 No. 392 and 1999 No. 207) are repealed;

Regulation 4 states that regulation 3 and Schedule 1 of the *Foreign Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Regulations 2002 (No. 1)* (Statutory Rules 2002 No. 37) are repealed.