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Article: 1

Article 2 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 concerning firearms and their ammunitions is modified as follows:

"Importing, storing both in the state's arms store and in the general stores, withdrawing from those locations, donating, selling firearms and their parts separately, their ammunitions or spare parts of the latter, are subject to a prior authorization of the Defence Minister. Notwithstanding provisions of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 as modified to this day, authorization conditions are determined by a Presidential Order.

Concerning firearms and their ammunitions to be used by National Police, Private Security Organizations as well as other non-military people, the authorization is given by the Minister responsible for the National Police".

Article: 2

Article 3 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 79 concerning firearms and their ammunitions is modified as follows: "No one can possess arms belonging to National Army and Police".

Article: 3

Article 4 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"Holding, in any manner, any firearms other than that which belong to the National Army and Police, is subject to an authorization supported by firearm keeping permit. No one can keep a firearm, other than that which belongs to the

National Army and Police, unless his/her purpose is legitimate and supported by a firearm keeping permit"

Article: 4

Article 5 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"The Minister responsible for the National Police may, at any time, order an inventory to be made of all firearms and any ammunitions whether they are meant for trade or individually kept, and ask for presentation of justification fulfilling the conditions provided for in article 9 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979.

Failure to satisfy the Minister's requirements is punished according to article 13 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 concerning firearms and their ammunitions."

Article: 5

Article 8 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"In the event that circumstances require it, the Minister having the National Police in his/her remit determines the territorial areas of the country where carrying, possessing or keeping firearms and their ammunitions is forbidden".

Article: 6

Paragraph 2 of article 12 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"The Minister responsible for National Police has the right to withdraw authorization already given to possess firearms".

Article: 7

Paragraph one of article 16 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"The above ban does not apply to arms pertaining or meant to be used by the National Army and Police".

Article: 9

All previous provisions contrary to this law are abrogated.

Article: 10

Article 17 of the Government decree n° 12/79 of May 7, 1979 is modified as follows:

"Notwithstanding measures that are necessary for shooting exercises which could be carried out by the National Army and Police and maintenance of public

order in general, it is prohibited to fire any fire arm or carry loaded weapons through or close to towns and other inhabited areas".

Article: 10

This law comes into force the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Rwanda.

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