

## Unofficial Translation

### **LAW OF TURKMENISTAN** **On Abolishment of Criminal Responsibility for the Violation of** **Legislation on Religious Organizations**

For the purpose of effective realization by citizens of their civil rights for freedom of religion as guaranteed by the Constitution of Turkmenistan, as well as ensuring observance of norms and principles of international law relating to the freedom of conscience:

1. Abolish the criminal responsibility for the violation of legislation on religious organizations.
2. Introduced the amendment to the Criminal Code of Turkmenistan approved on 12 June 1997 (Bulletin of Medjlis of Turkmenistan, 1997, No2, page 9; 1998, No 1, page 11; 2000, No 1, page 3; No 3-4, page 41; 2002, No 4, page 72; 2003, No 2, page 9), having excluded the Article 223-2 "Violation of Legislation on Religious Organizations" therefrom.

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