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**THE TRIAL ON INDICTMENTS (AMENDMENT)
(No. 2) BILL, 1990.**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to abolish the use of assessors in criminal trials before the High Court in order to expedite criminal trials generally for the better administration of justice and to provide for other connected purposes.

G. W. KANYEIHAMBA,
Minister of Justice/Attorney-General.

28TH SEPTEMBER, 1990.

THE TRIAL ON INDICTMENTS (AMENDMENT)

(No. 2) BILL, 1990.

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

Clause

1. Short title.
2. Repeal of section 3.
3. Repeal of section 63.
4. Repeal of sections 65, 66, 67 and 68.
5. Amendment of section 69.
6. Repeal of sections 77 and 80.
7. Revocation of Schedule.
8. Transitional provisions.

A BILL for a Statute

ENTITLED

**THE TRIAL ON INDICTMENTS (AMENDMENT)
(No. 2) STATUTE, 1990.**

A Statute to provide for the abolition of the use of assessors in criminal trials before the High Court and for other connected matters.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and the National Resistance Council as follows :

1. This Statute may be cited as the Trial on Indictments (Amendment) (No. 2) Statute, 1990 and shall be read as one with the Trial on Indictments Decree, 1971, in this Statute referred to as "the Decree".

Short title.

Decree 26 of 1971.

2. Section 3 of the Decree is repealed.

Repeal of section 3.

3. Section 63 of the Decree is amended by deleting the words "to choose assessors".

Amendment of section 63.

Trial on Indictments (Amendment)

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(No. 2) Bill

1990

Repeal of
section 65,
66, 67
and 68.
Amend-
ment of
section 69

4. Sections 65, 66, 67 and 68 of the Decree are repealed.

5. Section 69 of the Decree is amended by deleting the words "when the assessors have been chosen".

Repeal of
section 77
and 80.

6. Sections 77 and 80 of the Decree are repealed.

Revoca-
tion of
Schedule.

7. The Assessors Rules set out in the Schedule to the Decree are revoked.

Transitional
provisions
relating
to assessors
in pending
procee-
dings.

8. Notwithstanding the repeal by this Statute of the provisions relating to assessors, every person who, on the date of commencement of this Statute is serving as an assessor in a trial pending before the High Court shall continue to serve as assessor until the trial is concluded and those provisions shall continue to apply to such pending proceedings as if they have not been repealed.