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Terms of reference

This inquiry and report is conducted under the following powers:

Criminal Code Act 1995

Section 119.3 Declaration of areas for the purpose of section 119.2

(1) The Foreign Affairs Minister may, by legislative instrument, declare an area in a foreign country for the purposes of section 119.2 if he or she is satisfied that a listed terrorist organisation is engaging in a hostile activity in that area of the foreign country.

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Review of declaration

(7) The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review a declaration before the end of the period during which the declaration may be disallowed under section 42 of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003.

and

Criminal Code (Foreign Incursions and Recruitment - Declared Areas) Declaration 2015 – Mosul District, Ninewa Province, Syria, registered 2 March 2015 (FRLI: F2015L00245)

List of abbreviations

ASIO Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

Criminal Code Act 1995

Code

ISIL Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

List of recommendations

1 Mosul district, Ninewa province, Iraq

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the legislative instrument declaring Mosul district, Ninewa province, Iraq for the purposes of section 119.2 of the *Criminal Code Act* 1995 not be disallowed.