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\* Totally abolitionist in law on 22 February 1979 for all offences, whether committed in time of peace or war.

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