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Make provision for the Secretary of State to have regard to acts of genocide in determining the allocation of international humanitarian assistance.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Humanitarian assistance: due regard for the need to prevent and punish genocide

- (1) In determining which persons or bodies should receive assistance for the purposes of section 3(1) of the International Development Act 2002 (humanitarian assistance), the Secretary of State must have due regard to the need to prevent and punish acts of genocide. 5
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Secretary of State must form a view as to whether or not genocide has occurred when requested to do so by a group of ten or more Members of either House of Parliament.
- (3) In this Act “genocide” has the meaning given in Article II of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. 10

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Humanitarian Assistance (Genocide Victims) Act 2016. 15

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