

[The World Penal Code is the statutory basis for standard world sentencing parameters, and is based upon the landmark work *Elements of Crimes* of the *Assembly of States Parties* . *Elements of Crimes* is part of the Rome Statute family of world legislation [See *International Criminal Court Statute*.] The World Penal Code was first adopted as World Legislative Act Number 19 by the Provisional World Parliament, at Seventh Session at Chennai (Madras), India, December 2003, convened in conformance with the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* on 27 December 2003, at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.]

Summary of an Act

World Legislative Act #19

World Criminal Code Penalty Classification

Short title: **World Penal Code**

Adopts Act for Criminal Code Penalty Classification.

- 1.** Defines criminal offences as divided into seven felony classifications, three misdemeanour classifications and petty offences.
 - 1.1.** Presumes term of imprisonment for each felony, except for class 1 felonies. This term may be increased or decreased depending on the nature of offence, defendant's criminal history and existence of any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.
 - 1.2.** Requires Penal Department to work together with Department of Convict Management, Probation & Parole to design less disruptive and more humane measures for managing penal system, to include electronically supervised house arrest or electronically supervised internal exile within Earth Federation.
 - 1.3.** Requires World Ombudsmus to monitor criminal justice system and to take legal action if system or parts of system are in violation of basic human rights, as listed in Earth Constitution, Article 12, in Statute of World Court of Human Rights (World Legislative Act #15) or in other generally recognized Bills of Rights.
 - 1.4.** Permits imposition of fines.
- 2.** Requires draft proposals for new world legislation or amendments containing penal provisions to previously existing world legislation or to generally accepted international law, to state criminal penalty as classified offence, at end of any section or provision defining prohibited activity. Directs Commission for Legislative Review to insert respective penalty classifications defined in addendum into respective sections or provisions of previously adopted world legislation of Provisional World Parliament.
- 3.** Schedules Jail and Prison terms according to classification of offence.

4. Schedules payment of fines by individual convicts according to classification of offence and projected income of convict.
5. Schedules payment of fines for enterprises according to classification of offence and projected income of enterprise, except in cases of license revocation, in which case convicted enterprise may forfeit all assets.
6. Defines Petty offences as all lesser offences with no imprisonment authorized.
7. Defines mitigating and aggravating circumstances.
8. Defines extenuating circumstances for reducing penalties or dropping criminal charges, or otherwise dismissing case.
9. Recommends World Court to investigate causes of offence, if Court convicts person for third or further offense.

Includes Addendum of penalty classifications to be applied to world legislation.

Requires Enforcement System and World Courts to consider constitutionality in any cases resulting from violations defined in [*Elements of Crimes*](#).

Requires more severe sentencing in cases where violator directs another to commit world crime, applicable in cases resulting from violations listed in Elements of Crime as well as within all world legislative acts.

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