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PART I

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The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 26th November, 1976, and are hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. LXVI OF 1976

An Act further to amend the Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) Act, 1976

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) Act, 1976 (XVII of 1976), for the purposes hereinafter appearing :

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) (Second Amendment) Act, 1976.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Act XVII of 1976.**—In the Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) Act, 1976 (XVII of 1976), in section 6, in sub-section (1),—

(a) for clause (a) the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“(a) as soon as the accused appear or are brought before the Special Court, the formal charges referred to in section 5 shall be read and explained to them, and each one of them shall be asked whether he is guilty ; ” ; and

(b) in clause (c), the following Explanation shall be inserted at the end, namely :—

“*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this clause and clause (cc), an accused who refuses to plead or claims to be tried shall be deemed to be pleading not guilty.”.

3. **Saving.**—Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to require the formal charges referred to in section 5 of the aforesaid Act to be read and explained to an accused to whom they have already been read and explained before the commencement of the Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (XXXIII of 1976), or to require any such accused to be asked whether he pleads guilty.

4. **Repeal.**—The Criminal Law Amendment (Special Court) (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (XXXIII of 1976), is hereby repealed.