

ridical person; or a group of persons; to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the hostage commits the offence of taking of hostages ("hostage-taking") within the meaning of this Convention.

2. Any person who:

(a) Attempts to commit an act of hostage-taking, or

(b) Participates as an accomplice of anyone who commits or attempts to commit an act of hostage-taking

likewise commits an offence for the purposes of this Convention.

Article 2

Each State Party shall make the offences set forth in article 1 punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the grave nature of those offences.

Article 3

1. The State Party in the territory of which the hostage is held by the offender shall take all measures it considers appropriate to ease the situation of the hostage, in particular, to secure his release and, after his release, to facilitate, when relevant, his departure.

2. If any object which the offender has obtained as a result of the taking of hostages comes into the custody of a State Party, that State Party shall return it as soon as possible to the hostage or the third party referred to in article 1, as the case may be, or to the appropriate authorities thereof.

Article 4

States Parties shall co-operate in the prevention of the offences set forth in article 1, particularly by:

(a) Taking all practicable measures to prevent preparations in their respective territories for the commission of those offences within or outside their territories, including measures to prohibit in their territories illegal activities of persons, groups and organizations that encourage, instigate, organize or engage in the perpetration of acts of taking of hostages;

nemental organisation, en fysisk eller juridisk person eller en gruppe personer til at foretage eller undlade at foretage nogen handling som en udtrykkelig eller stiltiende betingelse for frigivelsen af gidslet, begår den forbrydelse at tage gidsler («gidseltagning») i denne konventions forstand.

2. Enhver person, som

a) forsøger at foretage gidseltagning eller

b) medvirker til, at andre foretager eller forsøger at foretage gidseltagning,

begår ligeledes en forbrydelse, som falder ind under denne konvention.

Artikel 2

Enhver kontraherende stat skal for de i art. 1 omhandlede forbrydelser fastsætte passende straffe under hensyntagen til disse forbrydelsers alvorlige karakter.

Artikel 3

1. Den kontraherende stat, på hvis område gidslet tilbageholdes af gerningsmanden, skal træffe alle foranstaltninger, som den anser for hensigtsmæssige for at lette gidslets forhold, især for at sikre hans frigivelse og efter frigivelsen om fornødent at lette hans afrejse.

2. Hvis nogen genstand, som gerningsmanden er kommet i besiddelse af som følge af gidseltagningen, kommer i en kontraherende stats varetægt, skal denne kontraherende stat snarest muligt tilbagegive den til gidslet eller efter omstændighederne til den i art. 1 nævnte tredjepart eller til denne tredjeparts kompetente myndigheder.

Artikel 4

De deltagende stater skal samarbejde med henblik på forebyggelse af de i art. 1 nævnte forbrydelser, navnlig ved:

a) at træffe alle praktisk gennemførlige foranstaltninger til at forhindre, at der på deres respektive områder træffes forberedelser til at begå nogen af de nævnte forbrydelser inden for eller uden for deres områder, herunder foranstaltninger til at forbyde, at der på deres områder udøves ulovlig virksomhed af personer, grupper og organisationer, der opmuntrer til, an-