# SPECIFIC PART SECTION I

#### Offenses against National Security and Social Orderliness

#### Article 52 (New). Rebellion

Any person participating to activities causing commotion in view of overthrowing or weakening the administration shall be punished by imprisonment from ten to twenty years and fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 500,000,000, with the possibility that their assets may be confiscated as provided under article 32 of this law and placed under house arrest, or life imprisonment or capital punishment

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

## Article 53 (New). Spying

Aliens, foreign residents or stateless persons gathering intelligence or documents of state or official confidential nature for the purpose of damaging or undermining the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by imprisonment from eight to twenty years and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 300,000,000. Such persons may furthermore have their assets confiscated as provided under article 32 of this law, placed under house arrest or life imprisonment or subject to capital punishment.

Persons gathering intelligence or state or official documents of a confidential nature for the purpose of relaying to Lao rebels carrying out activities undermining the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by imprisonment from five to ten years and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 200,000,000. Furthermore, their assets may be confiscated as provided under article 32 of this law and such persons placed under house arrest.

Lao citizens gathering intelligence or state or official documents of a confidential nature for the purpose of relaying to aliens or foreign organizations as information to damage or undermine the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be considered as committing a treason against the nation and shall be punished as provided under Article 51 of this Law.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

# Article 57 (New). Destruction of State or Social Undertakings

Any person responsible for the destruction of industrial, trade, transport, agricultural, financial, economic base and activities of state and social organizations through acts or failure to act or internal division by using his/her position to weaken the State and undermine the national economy shall be punished by five to twenty years of imprisonment and a fine of Kip 3,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Furthermore, his/her assets may be confiscated as provided under article 32 of this law; they may be placed under house arrest, sentenced to life imprisonment or execution. Any preparation and attempts to commit such crime shall also be punished.

# Article 58 (New). Forgery of Bank Notes or Use of Forged Bank Notes

Any person using printing equipment or other means to forge bank notes, foreign currencies or importing forged bank notes for circulation in the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by five to fifteen years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 150,000,000.

Offenders forging bank notes or importing forged bank notes through an organization or in substantial quantity shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 20,000,000 to Kip 300,000,000.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offence shall also be punished

A person knowingly making use of forged bank notes shall be punished by three months to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

A person knowingly having forged bank notes in his/her possession but failing to notify the authorities shall be punished by three months to two years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

# Article 59 (New). Propaganda against the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Persons conducting propaganda activities against and slandering the Lao People's Democratic Republic; distorting the guidelines of the Party and policies of the Government, circulating false rumors causing disorders by words, in writing, through prints, newspapers; motion pictures, videos, photos, documents or other contents detrimental to the Lao people's Democratic Republic for the purpose of weakening the State authority shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

### Article 60 (New). Division of Solidarity

Any person dividing or causing resentment between ethnic groups and social stratum with the intention to undermine national solidarity shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

# SECTION IX Breach of the Administration and Judiciary Regulations

## Article 150 (New). Forgery of documents or Use of Forged Documents

The forgery of documents, signatures, seals, deletion or addition of wordings to documents is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

The use of forged documents knowingly is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

In the case of substantial loss due to the forgery or use of forged documents, the punishment is from two to five years and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.