# **One Mission Society Inc**

# **Terrorism Policy**

#### Introduction

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Relevant legislation can be found in:

- Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 ('the Criminal Code'); and
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- 2. One Mission Society Australia will confirm the identity, credentials and good standing of the people or organisations it supports and will check that these people or organisations are not on the lists maintained by the Australian Government.
- 3. One Mission Society Australia will not knowingly remit any funds to known or suspected terrorist organisations or individuals.
- 4. One Mission Society Australia will report any known or suspected terrorist links to the relevant national authority.

## Responsibilities

The One Mission Society Australia Board is committed to compliance with Australian anti-terrorist legislation to avoid dealing with individuals and organisations associated with terrorism.

The Executive Director will be responsible for ensuring that employees of One Mission Society Australia carry out the following procedures at least annually to minimise the risk of dealing with terrorist organisations.

#### **Processes**

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# http://www.dfat.gov.au/sanctions/consolidated-list.html

Where recipient organisations or individuals are found to be on either list, forwarding funds will cease and the national security hotline on 1800 123 400 will be informed immediately.

4. To the extent possible, all ministry partners will be made aware of One Mission Society Australia obligations under Australian law and undertake to adopt similar measures in respect of funds from Australian sources. One Mission Society Australia will immediately withdraw all support, including provision of resources, if it has reason to believe that a ministry partner has breached the requirements of this policy.

### **Contingency Policy Agreement**

OMS International will take all feasible steps to secure the release of any member held by insurgent and/or criminal elements. Be it known, however, that OMS strongly opposes the payment of ransom and/or other extorted commodities or service. Therefore, members of OMS International should not assume that ransom will be paid for their release and should in fact assume that no ransom will be paid.

In the event of a hostage situation, OMS will provide competent, trained negotiators for the purpose of obtaining the swift and safe release of our missionaries. Such negotiators will function in accord with the policies of OMS and under the authority of OMS.

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