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The acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors poses a serious threat to international peace and security. The problem of non-State actors accessing weapons of mass destruction stems from the unacceptable accumulation, for covert purposes, of such weapons by States. Benin reiterates that it does not, and will not, provide any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery at the national, sub-regional, regional and international levels.

Definition of terrorism

Article 90 — The following offences shall constitute acts of terrorism if they are connected with an individual or collective enterprise aimed at seriously disrupting law and order through intimidation and terror:

- (1) willful attacks on life, willful attacks on the physical integrity of the person, abduction and kidnapping, as well as the hijacking of aircraft, ships or any other means of transport
- (2) theft, extortion, destruction, defacement or deterioration, as well as computer-related offences
- (3) the manufacture or possession of lethal or explosive machines or devices
- (4) the production, sale, import or export of explosive substances
- (5) the acquisition, possession, transport or illegal carrying of explosive substances or devices manufactured with the assistance of such substances
- (6) the possession, carrying or transport of war weapons and ammunition
- (7) the development, manufacture, possession, stockpiling, acquisition and transfer of biological or toxin-based weapons.

Article 91 — The introduction into the atmosphere, the ground, the subsoil or waters, including those of the territorial sea, of a substance likely to endanger the health of humans or animals or the natural environment shall also constitute an act of terrorism if it is connected with an individual or collective enterprise aimed at seriously disrupting law and order through intimidation and terror.