

Statement of the *Latin American Study Group on International Criminal Law* on the legal treatment of terrorism

Declaration of Lima

The Latin American Study Group on International Criminal Law issued the following statement at its eleventh seminar, which took place from 27 to 29 October 2014 in Lima:

- I. Terrorism is a serious crime. Actions taken against it must comply with the rule of law.
- II. Terrorism's punishable conduct must be defined with the greatest precision in the law, and its punishment must observe the principle of proportionality.
- III. Criminal proceedings for terrorism must not be made subject to special jurisdiction. The principles and rules of fair trial that apply to other criminal offences are equally applicable.
- IV. The rhetoric of a "war" on terrorism is inappropriate.
- V. States must not abuse the fight against terrorism to suppress social protest or political dissidents.
- VI. When implementing international standards in the field of the fight against terrorism, states must not disregard the basic rights guaranteed in their constitutions and in international law.

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