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We, KAGAME Paul,
President of the Republic;

**THE PARLIAMENT HAS ADOPTED
AND WE SANCTION, PROMULGATE
THE FOLLOWING ORGANIC LAW
AND ORDER IT BE PUBLISHED IN THE
OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

THE PARLIAMENT:

- o The Chamber of Deputies, in its session of 18 November 2009;
- 7 The Senate, in its session of 27 November 2009;
- a Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 04 June 2003, as amended to date, especially in its Articles 10, 12, 62, 66, 67

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89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 108 and 201;

Having reviewed the Organic Law n° 31/2007 of 25/07/2007 relating to the abolition of the Death Penalty as modified and complemented to date, especially in Article 4;

ADOPTS:

Article One: Life imprisonment with special provisions

Article 4 of the Organic Law n° 31/2007 of 25/07/2007 relating to the abolition of the death penalty as modified and complemented to date is hereby modified and complemented as follows:

“Life imprisonment with special provisions shall be life imprisonment which shall prevent a convicted person from being entitled to any kind of pardon, mercy, conditional release or rehabilitation, unless he/she has served at least twenty years of imprisonment.

The law provides for the mode of enforcement and execution of life imprisonment

special provisions.”

Article 2: Drafting, consideration and adoption of this Organic Law

This Organic Law was drafted, considered and adopted in Kinyarwanda.

Article 3: Repealing provision

All prior legal provisions contrary to this Organic Law are hereby repealed.

Article 4: Commencement

This Organic Law shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Rwanda.

Kigali, on 21/12/2009

(sé)

KAGAME Paul
President of the Republic

(sé)

MAKUZA Bernard
Prime Minister

**a Seen and sealed with the Seal of
Republic:**

(sé)

KARUGARAMA Tharcisse
Minister of Justice/Attorney General