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Preface

The Islamic Penal Code, consisting of 728 articles on the generalities of criminal law and specific aspects of Islamic penal law, exempli gratia fixed corporal punishments, talion and wergild, was passed in April 2013 by the Islamic Consultative Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Iran. These articles embody the judicial experience and precedents as well as legal and jurisprudential doctrines and studies.

The following are, inter alia, the achievements and accomplishments of this Code: the gradual responsibility of the juvenile, provision of suitable correctional, restorative and criminal responses to the juvenile, the criminal responsibility of legal persons, principle of the applicability of the victims' nationality jurisdiction, regulation of the complementary punishments, drawing the attention of the judges towards the personality file (a file containing the social, economic and family status of the accused as well as his or her medical and psychiatric status), taking advantage of decriminalization strategies, penalty substitutions, and reduction of penalties and criminalism.

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