



LAWS OF MADAGASCAR WIKI

Act 2

SPEECH ACT 2018

Incorporating all amendments up to 1 February 2018

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First enacted

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Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Speech Act 2018

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“speech” or “speak” means talking or writing in any aspect on the Wiki which includes chatting via the chat system, messaging on a message wall, writing in a blog post or on a page, commenting on a blog post or a page, or sending a video, photo, or an audio file.

Freedom of speech

3. (1) Under the provisions provided by the Wiki Constitution of Madagascar Wiki 2017, every user is allowed to speak freely; but must not create an offence against the laws, namely this Act.

- (2) Users are not allowed to speak—

(a) offensive words;

(b) rude words;

(c) words which others find offensive or rude;

(d) words that may distort the peace and harmony of the Wiki;

(e) subject to Sub-section (5), anything that is either wrong or contains any false information.

- (3) Subject to Sub-section (4) user may bring another user to the Court for saying what they find as offensive, but must prove to the Judge that it is offensive for them, and may be offensive for others, in order for the defendant to be declared guilty.

- (4) If a user finds a word offensive in a way that it will affect the law, the word cannot be considered as an offensive word.

- (5) The Judge can decide whether the false information spoken is severe or not; and if he finds it as not severe, the case can be dismissed.

- (6) Any offences against this provision can be punished with a block for a term not exceeding four weeks.

Causing disharmony in the Wiki

4. (1) Anyone who causes any sort of disharmony in the Wiki may be punished with a block for a term not exceeding four weeks.

(2) If the user has caused any sort of disharmony in the Wiki more than twice in the past, the user may be punished with a block for a term not exceeding three months.
