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Under the current Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, offences are categorized as (a) minor offences, the maximum term of imprisonment for which is 2 years; (b) ordinary offences, the maximum term of imprisonment for which is 5 years; (c) serious offences, the maximum term of imprisonment for which is 10 years; and (d) very serious offences, the minimum term of imprisonment for which is 10 years (for more detailed information, see the annex to the present report). There are some differences in investigation procedure between minor and ordinary offences and serious and very serious offences. For example, in the case of minor and several ordinary offences, a simplified preliminary investigation procedure is permissible, whereas undercover intelligence operations may be carried out in order to detect serious and very serious offences only.

Annex

A. Terms of imprisonment prescribed for the offences of murder, rape, assault, abduction, theft, robbery, burglary, handling stolen property and extortion in the Russian Federation

Country	Statutory distinction made between serious and other offences	Serious offences	Murder	Rape	Assault (bodily harm)	Abduction	Theft	Robbery	Burglary	Handling stolen property	Extortion (intimidation, blackmail)
Russian Federation	X	Maximum imprisonment of 10 years (serious offences) or minimum imprisonment of 10 years or more (very serious offences)	6-15 years, 8-20 years, life imprisonment or capital punishment (aggravated)	3-6 years or 4-5 years (aggravated)	2-8 years or 5-15 years (aggravated)	4-8 years or 5-15 years (aggravated)	6 months-3 years or 5-10 years (aggravated)	6 months-4 years or 3-12 years (aggravated)	6 months-4 years or 3-15 years (aggravated)	6 months-2 years or 3-7 years (aggravated)	6 months-4 years or 3-15 years (aggravated)

B. Terms of imprisonment prescribed for the offences of trafficking in drugs, embezzlement, bribery, fraud, counterfeiting of money, money-laundering, trafficking in human beings, smuggling of firearms, participation in a criminal organization and forming or leading a criminal organization in the Russian Federation

<i>Country</i>	<i>Trafficking in drugs</i>	<i>Embezzlement</i>	<i>Bribery (corruption)</i>	<i>Fraud</i>	<i>Counterfeiting of money</i>	<i>Money-laundering</i>	<i>Trafficking in human beings</i>	<i>Smuggling of firearms</i>	<i>Participation in a criminal organization</i>	<i>Forming or leading a criminal organization</i>
Russian Federation	2-4 years or 3-7 years (aggravated)	6 months-3 years or 2-10 years (aggravated)	6 months-5 years or 3-12 years (aggravated)	6 months-3 years or 3-15 years (aggravated)	2-6 years or 4-7 years (aggravated)	A fine, 6 months-4 years or 4-10 years (aggravated)		3-7 years or 3-12 years (aggravated)	3-10 years	7-15 years or 10-20 years (aggravated)
