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No one shall be held in servitude or be required to perform forced or compulsory labour, except as a consequence of a conviction of crime by a competent court, provided that hard labour may be required only pursuant to the sentence of such a court. No one convicted of a political offence shall be required to perform hard labour.