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Article

1. The implementation of trade union rights, which are inviolable and essential for improving the life and economic welfare of workers, shall be guaranteed to all hired workers without distinction as to nationality, race, religion, sex, occupation, political or philosophical views.
2. All regulations of whatever kind directed against trade union rights and against the joining of trade union organizations by hired workers and employees shall be prohibited.
3. Trade union organizations shall have the right freely to elect all their representatives, to make their own administrative arrangements and democratically to fulfil their functions and tasks in the interests of their members, and shall be protected against any interference on the part of public authorities or officials. Public authorities or officials may not attempt to exert pressure of any kind whatsoever, whether directly or indirectly, upon trade unions and their members. Public authorities or officials shall be required to abstain from founding, financing or interfering in the direction of trade union organizations.
4. The right to strike shall be guaranteed.
5. Legislative measures shall be adopted to enable trade union organizations to participate in the determination of economic and social policy in undertakings and on the local, regional and national levels.
6. Trade union organizations shall have the right to amalgamate on a trade, inter-union, local, regional and national basis and to affiliate to international trade union organizations.
7. No one may prevent an international trade union organization from fulfilling its functions and communicating with the organizations affiliated to it.