

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 13

France-Egypt: Amendment

1. In the determination of any criminal charge against him, or of his rights and obligations, every one is entitled to a fair and public hearing, in full equality, by an independent and impartial tribunal. The press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial, in the interest of morals, public order and security, or where the interest of juveniles or unfit persons so requires. Judgment shall, in every case, be pronounced publicly.
2. Every one charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law. Guarantees for his defence must be accorded him. He is entitled in particular:
 - (a) To be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him;
 - (b) To defend himself in person or through legal assistance which shall include the right to legal assistance of his own choosing, or, if he does not have such, to be informed of his right and, if unobtainable by him, to have counsel assigned;
 - (c) To examine, or have examined, the witnesses against him and to obtain compulsory attendance of witnesses in his behalf;
 - (d) To have the assistance of an interpreter if he cannot understand or speak the language used in court.
