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Article 9

4. Anyone arrested or detained on a criminal charge shall be brought promptly before a judge or other officer authorized by law to exercise judicial power and shall be entitled to trial within a reasonable time or to release, which may be conditioned by guarantees to appear for trial. Pending trial, imprisonment shall not be the general rule, but release may be subject to such guarantees to appear for trial.

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