



COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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Agenda item 4

DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: amendment to Article 27

Add to the Article 27 paragraphs 1-7 as follows:

- "1. The enjoyment of trade union rights, which are inviolable rights essential to the improvement of the living conditions and economic welfare of the workers, should be guaranteed to all wage-workers without distinction as to nationality, race, religion, sex, occupation or political or philosophical convictions;
- "2. All regulations of whatsoever nature directed against the rights of trade unions and the right of wage-workers and employees to join trade union organizations should be prohibited;
- "3. Trade union organizations should have the right freely to elect all their representatives, to organize their own administration and to discharge their functions and tasks democratically in the interests of their members, and should be protected against any interference on the part of public authorities or officials. Public authorities or officials must exert no direct or indirect pressure on trade unions or their members and must refrain from founding, financing or interfering in the administration of trade union organizations;
- "4. The right to strike should be guaranteed;
- "5. Legislative measures should be enacted to permit trade union organizations to participate in the framing of economic and social policy in enterprises and at the local, regional and national levels;
- "6. Trade union organizations should have the right of occupational or inter-union amalgamation or amalgamation on a local, regional or national scale, and the right to join international trade union organizations;
- "7. No one may prevent international trade union organizations from discharging their functions and from communicating with organizations affiliated to them."