

ICCPR Article 22

Freedom of association



Article 22 allows restrictions on the freedom of association, only if they are prescribed by law, necessary in a democratic society in the interest of:

I National security or Public safety

II Public order (ordre public)

III Protection of:

A. Public health

B. Public morals

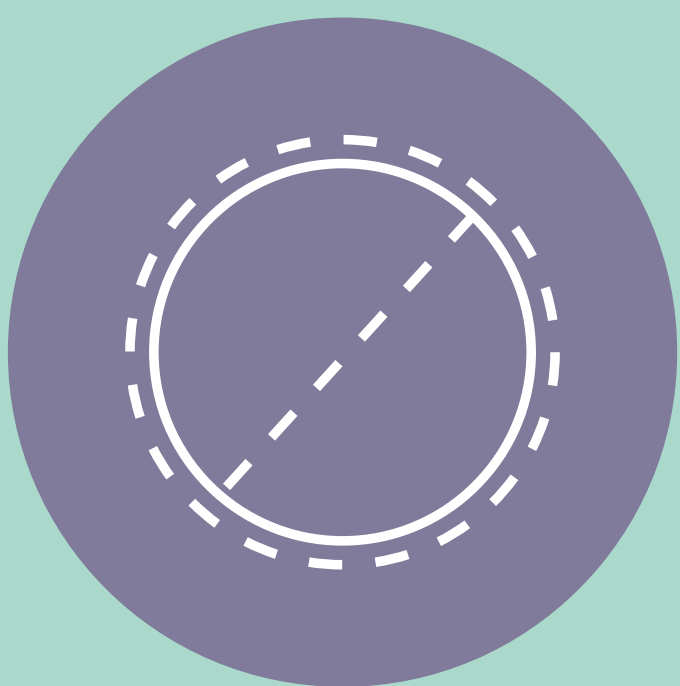
C. The rights and freedoms of others



Article 22 also allows imposition of lawful restrictions on the freedom of association of members of the armed forces and of the police.

Associations with any type of compulsory membership are not protected by the article 22.

Formation and activities of following associations must be prohibited by law:



- Association that promotes propaganda for war
- Association that carries out advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

Also refer:

[Checklist for monitoring illegitimate restrictions of ICCPR \(card No.2\)](#)