



Article 6 - Right to a fair trial

1. In the determination of his civil rights and obligations or of any **criminal charge** against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law. Judgment shall be pronounced publicly but the press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial in the interests of morals, public order or national security in a democratic society, where the interests of juveniles or the protection of the private life of the parties so require, or to the extent strictly necessary in the opinion of the court in special circumstances where publicity would prejudice the interests of justice.
2. Everyone **charged with a criminal offence** shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.
3. Everyone **charged with a criminal offence** has the following minimum rights:
 - (a) to be informed promptly, in a language which he understands and in detail, of the nature and cause of the accusation against him;
 - (b) to have adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defence;
 - (c) to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing or, if he has not sufficient means to pay for legal assistance, to be given it free when the interests of justice so require;
 - (d) to examine or have examined witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance and examination of witnesses on his behalf under the same conditions as witnesses against him;
 - (e) to have the free assistance of an interpreter if he cannot understand or speak the language used in court.

Article 7 - No **punishment without law**

1. No one shall be held guilty of any **criminal offence** on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a **criminal offence** under national or international law at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a **heavier penalty** be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the **criminal offence** was committed.
2. This Article shall not prejudice the trial and **punishment** of any person for any act or omission which, at the time when it was committed, was **criminal** according to the general principles of law recognised by civilised nations.

Article 4 of Protocol n. 7 - Right not to be tried or **punished twice**

1. No one shall be liable to **be tried or punished again in criminal proceedings** under the jurisdiction of the same State for an **offence** for which he has already been finally acquitted or convicted in accordance with the law and **penal procedure** of that State.
2. The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not prevent the reopening of the case in accordance with the law and penal procedure of the State concerned, if there is evidence of new or newly discovered facts, or if there has been a fundamental defect in the previous proceedings, which could affect the outcome of the case.
3. No derogation from this Article shall be made under Article 15 of the Convention.