

Statement of interpretation on Article 19§4

Under Article 19§4b the States Parties undertake to secure for migrant workers lawfully within their territories treatment not less favourable than that of their own nationals in respect of membership of trade unions and enjoyment of the benefits of collective bargaining.

The Committee has consistently held that by way of the expression "membership of trade unions" Article 19§4b guarantees not only the right to join a trade union, but also to participate in trade union activities, including the right to be founding member of a trade union (see, inter alia, Conclusions XIV-1, Turkey).