

Statement of interpretation on Article 4§4

On studying the first governmental reports, the Committee was brought up against the question of interpreting the notion of a "reasonable" period of notice and its limits. The Committee took the view that no absolute definition of reasonableness could be given where a period of notice was concerned, and therefore confined itself to determining particular cases in which the period of notice given could not be considered as reasonable. Following this interpretation, the Committee was forced to conclude that one of the states whose report was considered does not fulfil the undertakings deriving from Paragraph 4 of Article 4. As to another state, moreover, the Committee was unable to judge whether this state fulfilled this undertaking.