

### ***Statement of Interpretation on Article5***

During this fourth cycle of supervision, the Committee felt the need to define the scope and significance of Article 5 of the Charter in greater detail. It pointed out that the right to organise, as defined in Article 5, implied that the main object of worker's and employers' right to form organisations was to engage in collective bargaining for the defence of their interests, and that in principle, this could not be qualified by any requirement to deposit money in order to obtain a negotiating licence. At most, the Committee might Concede that the Charter has been respected if everyone wishing to organise for purposes that are not prejudicial to "l'ordre public" were automatically entitled to such a license, or if payment demanded covered only minimal administrative costs.