

Statement of interpretation on Article 1§2: prison work

Prisoners' working conditions must be properly regulated, particularly if they are working, directly or indirectly, for employers other than the prison service. In accordance with the principle of non-discrimination enshrined in the Committee's case law, this supervision, which may be carried out by means of laws, regulations or agreements (particularly where companies act as subcontractors in prison workshops), must concern pay, hours and other working conditions and social protection (in the sphere of employment injury, unemployment, health care and old age pensions).