

No. 881. CONVENTION (No. 87) CONCERNING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE. ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, SAN FRANCISCO, 9 JULY 1948¹

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DECLARATION by the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, made under Article 35, paragraphs 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation,² stating on behalf of and in agreement with the Government of the Bahamas that it accepts the obligations of the Convention in respect of this territory, with the following modifications :

Article 2

Prior permission to take the necessary steps for the formation of an employers' organisation or trade union is required.

Registration of a trade union may be refused where the interests concerned are already represented by an existing trade union.

Article 3

The Chief Industrial Officer may, on complaint or information received, declare void a ballot held for the purpose of election or removal of officers, amendment of the constitution, change of name or the taking of strike or lock-out action by any employers' organisation or trade union and may direct that a further ballot shall be held. Any ballot for the purpose of determining on strike or lock-out action must be supervised by the Chief Industrial Officer or his representative.

The accounts of employers' organisations and trade unions must be audited by auditors appointed by the Labour Board.

The funds of an employers' association or trade union may not be used for political purposes.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 68, p. 17; Vol. 70, p. 307; Vol. 76, p. 283; Vol. 81, p. 382; Vol. 92, p. 410; Vol. 94, p. 312; Vol. 100, p. 291; Vol. 109, p. 321; Vol. 122, p. 341; Vol. 134, p. 378; Vol. 184, p. 335; Vol. 188, p. 367; Vol. 196, p. 342; Vol. 210, p. 331; Vol. 211, p. 394; Vol. 212, p. 392; Vol. 248, p. 402; Vol. 249, p. 453; Vol. 253, p. 387; Vol. 256, p. 340; Vol. 261, p. 391; Vol. 264, p. 332; Vol. 272, p. 254; Vol. 282, p. 363; Vol. 293, p. 373; Vol. 302, p. 357; Vol. 304, p. 401; Vol. 312, p. 405; Vol. 320, p. 328; Vol. 323, p. 374; Vol. 325, p. 340; Vol. 327, p. 352; Vol. 337, p. 392; Vol. 338, p. 336; Vol. 348, p. 347; Vol. 349, p. 320; Vol. 356, p. 346; Vol. 366, p. 384; Vol. 373, p. 352; Vol. 380, p. 410; Vol. 381, p. 395; Vol. 384, p. 357; Vol. 386, p. 374; Vol. 390, p. 352; Vol. 396, p. 320; Vol. 401, p. 250; Vol. 410, p. 290; Vol. 413, p. 362; Vol. 422, p. 327; Vol. 425, p. 318; Vol. 431, p. 286; Vol. 434, p. 283; Vol. 435, p. 312; Vol. 443, p. 334; Vol. 444, p. 324; Vol. 449, p. 284; Vol. 452, p. 365; Vol. 455, and Vol. 457, p. 356.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 15, p. 40.

Article 4

The Chief Industrial Officer is empowered to cancel the registration of a trade union for violation of any part of its constitution making provision for the protection of sectional interests of members.

Article 6

Full effect is not given to this Article since federations and confederations of trade unions may not be registered and enjoy the same rights as primary trade unions.

This declaration supersedes the declaration made by the Government of the United Kingdom, which was registered on 13 March 1961.¹

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 396, p. 320.