

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 1948<sup>1</sup>

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DECLARATION by the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, made under Article 35, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation,<sup>2</sup> undertaking that the provisions of the Convention will be applied with the following modifications to Hong Kong :

*Article 3* All officers of a trade union are required to be habitually engaged or employed in the trade or occupation with which the trade union is concerned and no person may hold office in more than one trade union but these requirements may be modified at the discretion of the public authority.

The funds of a trade union may be expended only for objects specified in national laws or approved by the public authority.

Amalgamation of registered trade unions is subject to the consent of the public authority where either of the trade unions is a member of an organisation established outside the territory.

The public authority may in certain circumstances intervene for the purpose of supervising the accounts of trade unions and ensuring the application of their rules.

*Article 5* The consent of the public authority is required for affiliation of trade unions with international organisations.

Federations of trade unions may be established only by registered trade unions engaged in the same trade or industry, and membership of federations of trade unions is restricted to registered trade unions engaged in the same trade or industry as the component trade unions comprising such trade union federations.

*Article 6* The modifications on Article 3 relating to primary trade unions apply also to federations of trade unions, except that the consent of the public authority is required for a person to be at the same time an officer of a trade union and an officer of a

<sup>1</sup> 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, p. 462; Vol. 457, p. 356; Vol. 463, p. 378; Vol. 468, p. 433, and Vol. 471.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 15, p. 40.

federation of which the union is a member only if he is not habitually engaged in a trade or occupation with which the union is directly concerned.

This declaration supersedes the declaration made by the Government of the United Kingdom, which was registered on 29 December 1958.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 320, p. 333.