# The 16 Groups of Human Rights

as reflected in the articles of the International Bill of Human Rights (ICESCR and ICCPR)

# **ECONOMIC RIGHTS**

### **Group 1: The Right to Work**

- The right to work to earn one's living (ICESCR 6)
- The right to freely choose or accept work (ICESCR 6)

### Group 2: The Right to Just Conditions of Work

- The right to just and favourable conditions of work, ICESCR 7
- The right to a decent remuneration (ICESCR 7a);
- The right to freedom from slavery (ICCPR 8)
- The right to form and join trade unions (ICESCR 8, ICCPR 22.1)
- The right to strike (ICESCR 8.1d)

### SOCIAL RIGHTS

### Group 3.

### The Rights to an Adequate Standard of Living and to Social Security

- The right to an adequate standard of living (ICESCR 11.1)
- The right to adequate food (ICESCR 11.1)
- The right to freedom from hunger (ICESCR 11.2)
- The right to adequate housing (ICESCR 11.1)
- The right to social security (ICESCR 9)

### **Group 4: Right to Health**

- The right to health (ICESCR 12)

### Group 5: The Rights of Families, Mothers and Children

- The rights of families (ICESCR 10.1)
- The rights of mothers (ICESCR 10.2)
- The rights of children (ICESCR 10.3)

# **CULTURAL RIGHTS**

### Group 6: The Right to Participation in Cultural Life

- The right to participate in one's own culture (ICESCR 15a).
- The right to participate in the arts and sciences (ICESCR 15b)

### **Group 7: The Right to Education**

- The right to education (ICESCR 13)
- The right to compulsory primary education (ICESCR 14)

# **Group 8: Minority Rights**

- The right of minorities to enjoy their own culture (ICCPR 27)
- The right of minorities to practise their own religion (ICCPR 27)
- The right of minorities to use their own language (ICCPR 27)

# **CIVIL RIGHTS**

### Group 9: The Right to Life and Personal Security

- The Right to Life (ICCPR 6)
- The Right to Personal Security, and Freedom from Arbitrary Arrest (ICCPR 9)

### Group 10: The Right to a Fair Trial

- The Right to Recognition as a Person Before the Law (ICCPR 16)
- The Right to Equality Before the Law (ICCPR 26)
- The Right to a Fair Trial and Hearing (ICCPR 14)
- The right to non-retroactivity of law (ICCPR 15)

# **Group 11: The Rights of Prisoners**

- The rights related to capital punishment
- The right not to be imprisoned for failing to fulfil a contractual obligation (ICCPR 11)
- The Right to freedom from torture (ICCPR 7)
- The right to separate treatment (ICCPR 10)

# **POLITICAL RIGHTS**

### Group 12: The Right to Participation in Political Life

- The Right to Participation in Political Life (ICCPR 25)

### Group 13: The Right to Freedom of Opinion

- The right to privacy (ICCPR 17)
- The right to freedom of religion (ICCPR 18)
- The Right to Freedom of Expression (ICCPR 19,20)

### Group 14: The Right to Freedom of Association

- The Right to Freedom of Association (ICCPR 22)

### Group 15. The Right to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

- The right to peaceful assembly (ICCPR 21)

# Group 16. The Right to Liberty of Movement

- The right to liberty of movement and residence (ICCPR 12)
- The rights of foreigners in case of expulsion (ICCPR 13)