# **LEGAL RIGHTS - CRIMINAL - Presumption of Innocence**

## I. ARTICLES

• Article 14.2, ICCPR

#### Article 14

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- 2. Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall have the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.
- Article 40.1 and 40.2(b)(i), CRC

## Article 40

1. States Parties recognize the right of every child alleged as, accused of, or recognized as having infringed the penal law to be treated in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth, which reinforces the child's respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of others and which takes into account the child's age and the desirability of promoting the child's reintegration and the child's assuming a constructive role in society.

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2. To this end, and having regard to the relevant provisions of international instruments, States Parties shall, in particular, ensure that:

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- (b) Every child alleged as or accused of having infringed the penal law has at least the following guarantees:
  - (i) To be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law...
- Article 18.2, CMW

### Article 18

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2. Migrant workers and members of their families who are charged with a criminal offence shall have the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law.