

# LEGAL RIGHTS - CRIMINAL - Right Against Self-Incrimination

## I. ARTICLES

- Article 14.3(g), ICCPR

### Article 14

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3. In the determination of any criminal charge against him, everyone shall be entitled to the following minimum guarantees, in full equality:

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(g) Not to be compelled to testify against himself or to confess guilt.

- Article 40.1 and 40.2(b)(iv), 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.

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:

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(iv) Not to be compelled to give testimony or to confess guilt; to examine or have examined adverse witnesses and to obtain the participation and examination of witnesses on his or her behalf under conditions of equality...