

## XXIV. SLOVENIA

**Population: 1,990,740**

**Religious make-up: 71% Roman Catholic - 2.5% Serbian Orthodox - 1.5% Muslim**

**Membership OSCE: 24/03/92 - Helsinki Final Act: 08/07/92 - Charter of Paris: 08/03/93**

**Membership Council of Europe: 14/05/93 - Membership U.N.: 22/05/92**

### A. CONSTITUTION

**Constitution adopted on: 23 Dec 1991**

#### Article 7 [Secularity]

- (1) The State and religious groups shall be separate.
- (2) Religious groups shall enjoy equal rights under the law and shall be guaranteed freedom of activity.

#### Article 14 Equality before the Law

In Slovenia each individual shall be guaranteed equal human rights and fundamental freedoms irrespective of national origin, race, sex, language, religion, political or other beliefs, financial status, birth, education, social status or whatever other personal circumstance. All persons shall be equal before the law.

#### Article 16 Temporary Revocation or Restriction of Rights

It shall be permissible to temporarily revoke restrict the human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by this Constitution, but only in exceptional circumstances of war or a state of emergency. Human rights and fundamental freedoms may only be revoked or restricted for the duration of the war or of the state of emergency, only to the extent required by the same and only inasmuch as the revocation or restriction does not create inequality of treatment based only on national origin, sex, language, religion, political or other beliefs, financial status, birth, education, social or any other personal circumstance. Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, there shall be no temporary revocation or restriction of the rights guaranteed by Articles 17, 18, 21, 28, 29 and 41 of this Constitution.

#### **Article 41 Freedom of Conscience**

The profession of the religious and other beliefs of any person in private and in public shall be free. No person shall be compelled to admit his religious or other beliefs. Parents shall be entitled to give their children a moral and religious upbringing which accords with the beliefs of the parents. The religious and moral training given to a child shall be such as is appropriate to his age and to his level of maturity as well as being in accordance with the child's free conscience and religious and other beliefs or convictions.

#### **Article 63 Incitement to Discrimination, Intolerance, Incitement to Violence and War**

(1) All incitement to ethnic, racial, religious or other discrimination, as well as the inflaming of ethnic, racial, religious or other hatred or intolerance, shall be unconstitutional.

Article 123 Duty to Serve in the Defence Forces

(2) Any citizen who, because of his religious, philosophical or humanitarian beliefs, is not willing to perform military duty, shall be given the opportunity of participating in the defence of the Statute in some other manner.

## **B. LEGISLATION**

## **C. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION**

Law on Military Service, published in the Official Gazette, Nos.18/1991, 74/1995.

Decree on the Recognition of Conscientious Objection to Military Service and on Performing Civilian Service, published in the Official Gazette, No. 34/96.