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- Article 5 No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- Article 9 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
- Article 18 Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practise, worship and observance.
- Article 19 Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

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