

SUBSTANCE

Fair trial / right to have one's cause heard – article 7

Right to be presumed innocent

The presumption of innocence as part of the right to fair trial requires that criminal sentences be only imposed on the basis of strong and credible evidence (*Mohamed*, para 174). The conviction of an accused person based on the testimony of one individual, which is riddled with inconsistencies, does not meet the requirements of the right to fair trial (*Mohamed*, para 185).