

C) Law on Assembly and Association

1. Act on Assemblies and Processions - Assemblies Act (Gesetz über Versammlungen und Aufzüge - Versammlungsgesetz)

of 24 July 1953 (Federal Law Gazette [BGBl.] Part I p. 684), in the version of the proclamation of 15 November 1978 (BGBl. Part I p. 1789), last amended by Act of 11 August 1999 (BGBl. Part I pp. 1818 and 1819)

Part III: Public Assemblies in the Open Air and Processions

Section 14 [Registration]

- (1) Whoever intends to hold a public assembly in the open air or a procession shall register this with the competent authority at the latest 48 hours prior to announcement, stating the subject-matter of the assembly or procession.
- (2) The registration shall state which person is to be responsible for leading the assembly or procession.

Section 15 [Prohibition, Dissolution and Instructions]

- (1) The competent authority may prohibit the assembly or procession or make it dependent on specific instructions if in accordance with the circumstances recognisable at the time of issuing the injunction public security or order is directly endangered by implementation of the assembly or procession.
- (2) It may dissolve an assembly or procession if they are not registered, if they deviate from the information contained in the registration or the instructions are breached or if the preconditions for prohibition in accordance with subsection (1) are met.
- (3) A prohibited event shall be dissolved.

Section 16 [Pacified Precincts]

- (1) Public assemblies in the open air and processions shall be prohibited within the pacified precincts of the legislative bodies of the Federation or the Land and of the Federal Constitutional Court. It shall also be prohibited to call to public assemblies in the open air or to processions in accordance with the first sentence.
- (2) The pacified precincts for the legislative bodies of the Federation and for the Federal Constitutional Court shall be determined by Federal statute, the pacified precincts for the legislative bodies of the Länder by Land statutes.
- (3) Details shall be regulated by the statutes of the Federation and the Länder relating to pacified precincts and the Act on Pacified Precincts for Constitutional Bodies of the Federation (Gesetz über befriedete Bezirke für Verfassungsorgane des Bundes).

Section 17 [Exception for Religious Celebrations, etc., Popular Celebrations]

Sections 14 to 16 shall not apply to religious services in the open air, church processions, rogation processions and pilgrimages, customary funerals, processions of marriage parties and traditional popular celebrations.

**2. Act Regulating Public Association Law - Association Act
(Gesetz zur Regelung des öffentlichen Vereinsrechts - Vereinsgesetz)**

*of 5 August 1964 (Federal Law Gazette [BGBl.] Part I p. 593) last amended by Act
of 9 January 2002 (BGBl. Part I p. 361)*

Section 14 Associations of Foreigners

(1) Associations, the members or leaders of which are all or predominantly foreigners (associations of foreigners) can, beyond the reasons mentioned in article 9 section 2 of the Basic Law, get prohibited under the conditions of section 2. Associations, the members or leaders of which are all or predominantly foreign citizens of Member state of the European Union, are not classified as associations of foreigners. (...)

(2) Associations of foreigners can get prohibited, insofar as their purpose or their operation
(...)

4. shall support, advocate or evoke the use of force as means of implementation of political, religious or sundry concerns or

(...)