## Constitution of the Republic of Belarus of 1994

(with alterations and amendments adopted at the republican referendums of November 24, 1996 and of October 17, 2004)

(...)

**Article 4.** Democracy in the Republic of Belarus shall be exercised on the basis of diversity of political institutions, ideologies and views.

The ideology of political parties, religious or other public associations, social groups may not be made mandatory for citizens.

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**Article 12.** The Republic of Belarus may grant the right of asylum to persons persecuted in other states for political or religious beliefs or their ethnic affiliation.

(...)

**Article 16.** Religions and faiths shall be equal before the law.

Relations between the State and religious organizations shall be regulated by the law with regard to their influence on the formation of the spiritual, cultural and state traditions of the Belarusian people.

The activities of confessional organizations, their bodies and representatives, that are directed against the sovereignty of the Republic of Belarus, its constitutional system and civic harmony, or involve a violation of civil rights and liberties of its citizens as well as impede the execution of state, public and family duties by its citizens or are detrimental to their health and morality shall be prohibited.

(...)

**Article 31.** Everyone shall have the right independently to determine one's attitude towards religion, to profess any religion individually or jointly with others, or to profess none at all, to express and spread beliefs connected with one's attitude towards religion, and to participate in the performance of acts of worship and religious rituals and rites, which are not prohibited by the law.