

# **Eritrea**

## **Proclamation No. 118/2001 The Labour Proclamation of Eritrea**

### Title 1 Preliminary

#### Article 3. Interpretation

(17). "Forced Labour," means any service which a person performed involuntarily due to the coercion of another person and includes the following:

a. any work performed by a young person contrary to the provisions of this proclamation;  
and

b. any work performed involuntarily merely because of someone's influence as a result of his holding a public office or traditional status of chieftaincy. Compulsory national service, normal civic obligations, forced labour as a provided for in the Penal Code, communal services and services rendered during emergency may not, however, be regarded as a forced labour.

### Employment Relations Chapter 1. Contract of Employment

#### Article 9. General

(6) An employer who engages in forced labour shall be punishable under the Penal Code.