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The Right to Conscientious Objection in Europe: A Review of the Current Situation

Country Report: ICELAND

Iceland has no armed forces and maintains only a small coastguard. Iceland's external security rests on its membership of NATO and on the 1951 joint defence agreement with the USA. The USA has a military base in the port of Keflavik.

According to Article 75 of the 1944 Constitution, conscription may be introduced in case of "national danger".

Conscription or any other kind of compulsory service has never been introduced in practice.¹

¹ War Resisters' International: Refusing to bear arms - A world survey on conscription and conscientious objection to military service, 1998.