

## EXAMPLE OF INTERPRETATION

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH, 1972

#### ORIGINAL TEXT FOR LITERAL OR GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION

**11. Democracy and human rights:** The Republic shall be a democracy in which fundamental human rights and freedoms and respect for the dignity and worth of the human person shall be guaranteed, and in which effective participation by the people through their elected representatives in administration at all levels shall be ensured.

#### CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSES IN ARTICLE 11

1. the Republic shall be a democracy (*Main clause*)
2. in which fundamental human rights and freedoms and respect for the dignity and worth of the human person shall be guaranteed (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "a democracy" in 1)*
3. and in which effective participation by the people through their elected representatives in administration at all levels shall be ensured. (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "a democracy" in 1, coordinate to 2)*

**CLASSIFICATION OF ARTICLE 11:** It contains one main clause and two subordinate clauses