

	IRAN, REPUBLIC OF (2000-2019)			
THE EFFECTIVE ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOUR				
REPORTING	Fulfilment of Government's reporting obligations			
	Involvement of Employers' and Workers organizations in the reporting process	Confederation of Islamic Labour Councils (ICILC), the Iranian Confederation of Labour		
OBSERVATIONS	Employers'	2012-2015 AR: Observations by the ICEA		
BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS	organizations	2007-2009 AR:	Observations by the ICEA	
	Workers' organizations	2014 AR: Ob 2013 AR: Ob	servations by the HCCILC, the HCCTU, the CIWR and the WH-IRI. servations by the ICLS servations by the HCCILC, the HAWR-IRI and by the HCLS. servations by the ICLS	
			R: Observations by the ICILC	
EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING THE PRINCIPLE AND RIGHT	Ratification	Ratification status Ratification	The Islamic Republic of Iran ratified in 2002 the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) (C.182). However, it has not ratified the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) (C.138). YES, since 2001, for C.138.	
		intention	2019 AR: Feasibility study of ratifying C138 and technical tripartite meetings have been organized with the concerned authorities. The preliminary expert agreements and positive remarks of workers' and employers' organizations have been received. Social partners have actively participated in the meetings and expressed their positive opinion in this regard; therefore, the results of studies will be communicated with the Government through legal procedure. Indications by ICEA: Iran has received the highest number of migrants, especially from neighbouring countries. This trend should be considered in review of the possibility of ratification of C138.	
			2015 AR: The Government indicated that there is some progress in terms of preparing the background for considering the ratification of C.138; and ratification is a matter of completion of preliminary efforts being undertaken, such as studies on child labour issues. ICEA, HCCILC, HCCTU, CIWR, and WH-IRI expressed their support for	
			the ratification of C.138. 2014 AR: According to the Government: There is no much problem in terms of child labour, hence C.138 can easily be ratified; it is only a matter of time and completion of studies being done at various levels.	
			ICEA's support for the ratification of C.138 has not changed but it considers that implementation problems might encounter on the part of the Government.	
			The ICLS expressed its support for the ratification of C.138, and added that the provisions of the instrument are already provided for in the Labour Code and that it did not see any obstacles to the ratification of C.138 by the I.R. of Iran.	
			2013 AR: According to the Government: Ratification of all unratified fundamental Conventions, including C.138, enjoys tripartite support and will be hopefully materialized upon the completion of the labour law reform and approval there of currently under tripartite review.	
			The ICEA reiterated its support for the ratification of C.138 by the I.R. of Iran. The HCCILC, the HAWR-IRI and the HCLS also expressed their support for the ratification of C.138 as there are no obstacles to the ratification of this instrument by the I.R. of Iran. 2012 AR: According to the Government: There are no obstacles between the	



		national Constitution and other statutory laws on the one hand, and the provisions of C.138, on the other. Therefore the Government is assessing the possibility to ratify C.138 through a series of comparative studies in order to adjust existing regulations, establish new regulations and eliminate legal obstacles with the aim of establishing a general national policy in the field of minimum age for working. The ICEA expressed its support for the ratification process of C.138, and stated that there were no legal obstacles to the ratification of this instrument, which should be ratified in a near future. The HCLS expressed its full support for the ratification of C.138 by I.R. Iran.
		2011 AR: According to the Government: The Government is receiving the social partners' and competent authorities' views on the need for ratification of C.138. The provisions of this instrument are taken into consideration in the Labour Code and the Civil Code.
		2010 AR: According to the Government: The national survey on ratification of C.138 is still in process. Upon its completion ratification issues will considered.
		2009 AR: According to the Government: A comprehensive tripartite survey has been conducted at national level concerning ratification of C.138. Upon completion, this survey is hoped to facilitate the ratification process. ILO technical assistance is requested in this ratification process.
		The ICEA and the ICILC reiterated their support for the ratification of C.138.
		2008 AR: The ICEA and the ICILC reiterated their support to ratification of C.138.
		2007 AR: The Government requested ILO guidance for preparing the grounds for possible ratification of C.138.
		The ICEA and the ICILC expressed their support for the ratification of C.138 by the Islamic Republic of Iran.
		2006 AR: According to the Government: Possibility of ratification of C.138 is being considered. There are no major barriers/challenges hindering its process of ratification. Workers' and employers' organizations have no particular considerations vis-à-vis the ratification and are in agreement with the Government. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has been carrying out a feasibility study on the issue. However, the process has been delayed, due to the recent change in the Government.
		2001 AR: Based on information in GB.282/LILS/7 and GB.282/8/2 (Nov. 2001), ratification of C.138 is under consideration.
		The Government stated that the National Experts' Committee had declared its support for, and adherence to the ratification of C.138. The recommendations of the Committee were to be submitted to the legislature and the Council of Ministers.
Recognition of	Constitution	YES.
the principle and right		2014-2015 ARs: The Government indicated that the Constitution covers and raises lots of relevant issues with respect to child labour.
(prospect(s), means of action, basic legal provisions)		Article 30 of the Constitution provides that the Government has to secure the educational needs of all Iranian citizens free of charge until the completion of high school.
	Policy, legislation	Policy:
	and/or regulations	2012-2013 ARs : According to the Government: With regard to section 227 of the Law of the 5 th Development Plan approved on January 5, 2011, the Government shall take a legal action to prepare and develop "The National Document of Security of Women and Children in Social Relations" in collaboration with the relevant national authorities.
		2011 AR: According to the Government: The following changes in law and practice took place: (i) Establishment of a special Court for children in the field of child labour for examining related complaints; (ii) Special NGOs combating child labour have
		been established; (iii) A centralized association for the protection of children and adolescents under threat has been created;
		2003-2005 ARs: According to the Government: The national policy/plan aimed at ensuring the effective abolition of child labour, has included the



			ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, C.182, and the provision of the labour inspection circular to labour departments.
			• Legislation:
			2019 AR: In addition to existing laws on punishment of those abusing children in various jobs, Article 15 of the Bill on protection of children and young adults is on the final stages to be passed soon. Article 15 reads: Any person exploiting children and adolescent in breach of the labour law subject to Article 2 of the above law, in addition to punishments referred to in the labour law, he/she will be sentenced to six degree punishment. Furthermore, very recently, the Bill on protection for children has been prepared and developed by the Judiciary and currently it has been sent to the Islamic Parliament of Iran for approval.
			2014-2015 ARs: According to the Government: Although the labour law is being reviewed for amendment, it already provides for a precise and restricted threshold for minimum work age. However, the adoption of the following bills is under way in accordance with Section 227 of the Law of the 5 th Development Plan of I.R. of Iran (2011 - 2015), including: (i) A Bill to protect Children and Youth at Risk of Delinquency by the Judiciary in cooperation with related institutions; (ii) A Bill to protect Abandoned Children by the State Welfare Organisation; (iii) A Bill to form a Fund to support the victims of social damages by the Judiciary in coopeation with related institutions; and (iv) A Bill
			of National Action Plan on the Elimination of Child Labour.
			2013 AR: According to the Government, the HCCILC, the HAWR-IRI and the HCLS: The Labour Code provides sufficient legal provisions to ensure the minimum age for admission to employment or work. Employers are prohibited from employing children, and infringements are subject to sanctions.
			2012 AR: According to the Government: The Government is continuing the process of approval of the Bill to support children and adolescents who have no family head through a law on Guardians Councils.
			2011 AR: According to the Government: The following measures have been adopted: (1) establishment of a working group for monitoring the applications of the regulations related to the child labour abolition in the judiciary; (2) adoption of penalties for violation of regulations by employers; (3) a Law has been adopted for the Protection of Household Women in the Parliament in order to support the household and children; (4) a special court for children in the field of child labour as well as special working group in the judiciary; and (5) adoption of penalties for violations of regulations by employers.
			The Labor Code (section 79) prohibits the employment of children below the age of 15, and regulates the employment of children aged from 15 to 18 /section 80-84).
			2000 AR: The Government envisages examining all possible means of amending the legislation in order to tackle its detrimental effects and to respond better to the fight against child labour. An experts' committee, set up by the National Confederation of Employers, the National Central of Islamic Labour Councils and the Workers' House to propose amendments to the legislation, recommended the ratification of the Minimum Age Convention.
		Basic legal provisions	(i) The Constitution, section 30; and (ii) the Labour Code, sections 79, 80, 82, 83 and 176; and (iii) The Law on Protection of Children and the Youth, 2002.
		Judicial decisions	NIL.
t	the principle and right	Compulsory education	The age of both boys and girls at the end of this period is 15 years, with a general requirement of 8 years or grades of instruction.
		Minimum age	2012-2013 ARs : The Government has indicated that it was preparing a list of dangerous jobs where even children's legal employment would be duly prohibited.
			2000-2005 ARs: General minimum age for admission to employment or work for boys and girls: 15 years.
			This general minimum age covers the following types of work: home work, domestic service, commercial agriculture, light work, and work performed in export processing zones.
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			The minimum age does not apply to work in family-owned/operated enterprises, self-employed work and family and small-scale agriculture though these types of work are subject to strict legal restrictions.
			Hazardous work: minimum age of 18 years: section 52 of the Labour Code and its subparagraph 1 as well as the Directive on Difficult and Dangerous Work, section 14 of the Public Recruitment Code.
		Worst Forms Child Labour	C.182 has been ratified.
		Special	2012 AR: According to the Government: The children who have no family head.
		attention to particular situations	2011 AR: According to the Government: There is an interaction that have been arranged between public and non-governmental organizations for the protection for children and young persons that have been endangered by child labour, sexual abuse, drugs, etc. 2005 AR: According to the Government: Street children, including children in
			the informal economy.
		Information/ Data collection and dissemination	2014 AR: According to the Government: The issues related to C.138 have been scientifically studied and sufficient information has been gathered. Presently, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare is further studying the situation and comparing it with existing standards and international practices. Overall, the Government is addressing the issue vis-à-vis C. 138 and is hopeful to see it at a final stage soon.
			2012 AR: According to the Government: The last statistics on monitoring the implementation of child labour regulations are as follows. Out of 38630 inspections that were conducted in 2009 in connection with child labour, two employers were found guilty by courts.
			2011 AR: According to the Government: National information networks were created between public organizations and non-governmental organizations for exchanging information and policy making in order to bring synergy between different organizations.
			2006-2009 ARs: According to the Government: A feasibility study on ratification of C.138 is being carried out.
			2003 AR: According to the Government: the Government records Information on sanctions applied to users of child labour.
			2000 AR: According to the Government: A study on the supply and demand side of child labour was carried out in order to address the issue of child labour.
e 2	Monitoring, enforcement and sanctions mechanisms	labour relation management a the country, in business envir	system titled Comprehensive labour relations system is being launched in the is deputy office, one of the achievements of the mentioned office is more precise and supervision over application of labour law and regulating labour relations in acluding child labour; this could achieve through supervising labour relations and comment and through promotion of e-service system and accurate and up to date atta collection in the technical field of child labour.
			Government underlines the intensification of labour inspections.
		implementation	ne Government reported that based on the latest statistics on monitoring the n of child labour regulations, 5,517 inspections were conducted in 2012 and ons were undertaken in 2013 in connection with child labour.
		of child labou	cording to the Government: The last statistics on monitoring the implementation or regulations are as follows. Out of 38630 inspections that were conducted in ction with child labour, two employers were found guilty by courts.
		almost doubled for in case of	Rs: According to the Government: The number of the labour inspectors has been d to ensure, <i>inter alia</i> , a strict monitoring on child labour. Sanctions are provided violation of the PR. This action is to prevent the recruitment of under-aged rkshops and the informal economy, in particular.
		in both formation (section 176 of (PR).	Rs: According to the Government: Labour Inspection ensures law enforcement all and informal economy. Penal sanctions ranges from fine to imprisonment of the Labour Code) have been implemented to realize the principle and right
			cording to the Government: To bring about the effective abolition of child labour, measures had been implemented: legal reform; inspection/monitoring mechanisms etions.
C	Involvement of the social partners	extent with em	e ICLS indicated that dialogue was ongoing with the Government and to some uployers' representatives.
<u> </u>	•	2015 AR: A	ccording to the Government and the ICEA: The employers' and workers'



	organizations have a joint commitment to take serious action against child labour, i.e., while ensuring that 15 years is the minimum age for admission to employment or work.
	2012 AR: According to the ICLS, the Government does not really involve social partners in
	preparing or implementing labour and social policies.
	2009-2010 ARs: According to the Government: A comprehensive tripartite survey is being conducted at national level concerning ratification of C.138, with the participation of the social
Promotional	partners. 2018 AR: The Government reports the following activites: providing counseling services to
activities	families and students dropped out of school; notifying the Plan on Fundamental Development of
	Education for increasing education coverage and providing access to public education for all; conducting football league competitions for working children at national level; celebrating the
	Week to Fight against Child Labour; and soliciting civil society partnership in this regard. The Government indicates that particular attention has been paid to disadvantaged and less-developed
	regions, border areas and authorized and unauthorized foreign nations residing in Iran.
	2014-2015 ARs: The Government indicated that it had conducted dialogue and discussions with social partners, organized a tripartite National Decent Work Conference.
	ICEA indicated that improved relationship is being built between the workers'and employers' organizations.
	2012 – 2013 ARs: According to the Government: Various seminars were held in 2010-2012 in Teheran and other cities to promote the awareness of people on the eradication of child labour the national level effectively, including the provision of specific training activities to students and trainees.
	The ICLS indicated its participation in the National Tripartite Labour Conference on Decent Work in Iran in January 2011.
	The ICEA indicated that particular attention had been given by NGOs to the issue of child labour, in particular through public advocacy and outreach activities.
	2009 AR: According to the Government: Social protection is provided to poor families and orphans to facilitate their education and prevent child labour.
	2008 AR: According to ICILC: Discussions were held with employers' associations to emphasize on the fact that children should not work under 15 years and that between 15 and 18 years of age, they are allowed to work as apprentice only.
	2006 AR: According to the Government: The minimum age for admission to employment or work is being strictly observed, together with compulsory education.
	2005 AR. According to the Government: the promotion of the PR is carried out through education and professional training with the support of the Employment Service.
Special initiatives- Progress	2019 AR: The Ministry of Justice as national authority for Child rights convention started collecting challenges on child labour rights in every province in 2019, based on which technical meetings and conferences in every domain about street children and child labour have been held to achieve a suitable strategy through brainstorming. The second technical conference of child rights was held in Yazd and the third one in Tabriz. Procedure on Organizing child labour and street children has been enforced in June 2019 to provide social support for such children. The case of tough, intolerable and unhealthy work of children (mainly illegal migrants) was inspected by a visit to the centre for collecting wastes in Zaman Abad, Kahrizak. Launching child rights clinics at national level to provide legal counselling to people in this regard and to raise legal, civil and judicial awareness of people to prevent social and cultural vulnerabilities.
	2018 AR: The Government underlines the implementation of the plan on returning dropped out students to study. It further reports that education coverage rate of students in the first grade is reached 97/16% and in primary program to 98/13% during school year 2017-18. Also, from 2013 to 2018, in a five-year school period, on the whole, 286,562 students dropped out of school have been attracted to education centres in different education program.
	2011 AR: According to the Government: The changes in law and practice include setting up compulsory education to age 15.
	2009 AR: According to the Government: The number of the labour inspectors has been almost doubled to ensure, <i>inter alia</i> , a strict monitoring on child labour.
	2007 AR: According to the Government: Special initiatives are being taken to bridge the gap between the poor and the rich by granting the former group the shares of lucrative state enterprises under the Justice Shares Scheme. To avoid child labour, women, head of the household, are granted special protection and benefit from positive discrimination for access to employment. To curb unemployment and poverty as the main sources of child labour, the Government has embarked a titanic SMEs expansion project to provide 900,000 new productive employment opportunities per year. Vocational education and training has also been redirected to the labour market requirements.
	2003-2005 ARs: According to the Government: Free Compulsory Education.



		benefit child	the Government: the Welfare Organization has taken some measures that could workers. These include access to social protection and provision of support to facing harmful conditions.	
CHALLENGES IN	According to	Employers'		
REALIZING THE PRINCIPLE AND	the social partners	organizations	2013 AR: According to the ICEA: Child labour is not a widespread problem in the country. The minimum working age in the country is 15 years, although in practice it is often 18, except for handcraft and family businesses.	
RIGHT			2012 AR: According to the ICEA: There are no official or publically supported measurements against child labour, nor have any new laws been put in place to improve the situation of child labour in the country. Child labour is not a widespread problem in the country, but there is a concern over the occurrence of child labourers in the streets and the lack of actors taking responsibility for the social damage caused by child labour. The main responsibility lies with the government, and tripartite action should be part of a sustainable strategy to counter child labour. Dealing with the problem of child labour, mainly occurring in the informal economy, is a major challenge for the ICEA, especially in respect of the difficulty and the dangerousness to dealing informal employers. There is a need for the Government to target the informal economy actors that are operating unlawfully, to interrupt their operations and to make it impossible to benefit from employing children under the minimum working age. 2009 AR: According to the ICEA: Child labour rate is very low in the country.	
		Workers' organizations	2014 AR: The ICLS indicated that child labour might occur in informal employment and in family businesses where monitoring and law enforcement is weak or absent.	
			2013 AR: The HCCILC, the HAWR-IRI and the HCLS indicated that child labour was limited in the country, except in the informal economy and family enterprises.	
			2012 AR: According to ICLS: There are number of cases of child labour prevailing mainly among migrant workers from Afghanistan, rural areas and in the informal economy.	
			2009 AR: According to the ICILC: Child labour rate is very low in the country.	
	According to the Government	2014-2015 ARs: The Government stressed that child labour is not a major problem in Iran however sometimes existing bureaucracy might influence progress in the process of ratification of C.138.		
		FPRW are as organizations; institutions to	Rs: The Government stated that the main challenges to the realization of this follows: (i) Lack of technical support by the ILO and other related international (ii) There is an insufficient rate of services offered by welfare and protective affected people and in connection with the abolition of child labour; and (iii) Data information on child labour issues are weak and not updated at the national level.	
		is fighting aga Shares Schem household (i.e	cording to the Government: Poverty still exists in the country, but the Government ainst it through various poverty alleviation programmes including the Justice and the protection and granting of special advantages to women heads of positive discrimination for access to employment).	
		the PR are lac of effective m owned or-open	cording to the Government: The main obstacles encountered in Iran in realizing ck of resources, poverty, unemployment, insecurity in parents' employment, lack conitoring system and legal sanctions, and the fact that work performed in family rated enterprises is not subject to the Labour Code.	
TECHNICAL COOPERATION	Request	collection an elimination of 2015 AR: The indicated the 2014 AR: The convention ar interactions we support for it improved relarequested ILO	e main technical cooperation needs are: a) Legal reform; b) Policy advice; c) Data d analysis; d) Inter-institutional coordination; e) Special programme for the fifthe worst forms of child labour. e Government reiterated the request it made under the previous 2014 AR. HCCTU need for technical support in the area of labour standards. e Government requested ILO technical assistance in creating more awareness on the lad its requirements through various means. It highlighted the need for more ith ILO to enable fruitful outcomes. ICEA indicated the need for capacity building to be able to provide better services, lobby with the government, and establish tionship with workers and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The ICLS technical cooperation in promoting and realizing the FPRW including the PR	
		relation to the	e Government indicated that it was yet looking forward ILO's technical support in request it made under the 2012 AR. the HAWR-IRI and the HCLS requested ILO technical cooperation to promote	
		and realize the 2012 AR: A	FPRW including the PR in the country. ccording to the Government: In order to accelerate the ratification of the overnment has taken different measures, such as consulting, amendment of the	



laws and regulations, capacity-building for labour administration, empowerment of social dialogue, and would request ILO technical assistance in this regard. In line with these measures, ILO's technical support is also requested in training activities, guidelines and sharing of experiences on the abolition of child labour.

The ICLS requested ILO technical assistance to strengthen tripartite capacities on the fundamental principles and rights at work, in particular in combating child labour, possibly through an IPEC national programme.

2009-2011 ARs: The Government requested ILO technical cooperation to facilitate the ratification process of C.138 through awareness raising, data collection and dissemination, policy advice, legal reform, capacity building for labour administration, employers' and workers' institutions and strengthening social dialogue. This assistance should be integrated in the decent work country program that would need ILO technical review and support.

According to the ICILC: An ILO survey was needed to assess the situation of the PR in the country.

2008 AR: According to the ICILC: ILO technical cooperation may be needed for assessment of child labour in Iran and ratification of C.138.

2007 AR: The Government reiterated its request for ILO technical cooperation in the areas of priority mentioned under the 2005 AR.

The ICEA and the ICILC requested ILO technical cooperation for training on child labour issues and the promotion of the fundamental principles and rights at work.

2005 AR: According to the Government, needs for ILO technical cooperation to facilitate the realization of the PR in Iran exist in the following areas, in order of priority: (1) legal reform; capacity building of responsible government institutions (e.g. labour inspection and administration); training of other officials (e.g. police, judiciary, social workers, teachers); data collection and analysis; strengthening capacity of employers' and workers' organizations; employment creation, skills training and income generation; social protection systems; awareness raising, legal literacy and advocacy; sharing of experience across countries/regions; cross-border cooperation mechanisms; inter-institutional coordination; special programme for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour; (2) policy advice.

Offer

UNICEF and NGOs.

EXPERT-**ADVISERS'** OBSERVATIONS

2008 AR: The ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers (IDEAs) considered that universal ratification of the child labour Conventions was not a distant dream but an achievable goal, in view of the number of States, including the RECOMMENDATI Islamic Republic of Iran, having expressed their intention to ratify C.138 and/or C.182 (cf. paragraph 56 of the 2008 Annual Review Introduction – ILO: GB.301/3).

GOVERNING RODY OBSERVATION--ONS

2015 AR: At its March 2014 Session, the Governing Body invited the Director-General to: (a) take into account its guidance on key issues and priorities with regard to assisting member States in their efforts to respect, promote and realize fundamental principles and rights at work; and (b) take account of this goal in the RECOMMENDATI Office's resource mobilization initiatives.

> 2013 AR: At its November 2012 Session, the Governing Body requested the Director-General to take full account of the ILO Plan of Action on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (2012-2016) and allocate the necessary resources for its implementation. This plan of action is anchored in the universal nature of the fundamental principles and rights at work (FPRW), their inseparable, interrelated and mutually reinforcing qualities and the reaffirmation of their particular importance, both as human rights and enabling conditions. It reflects an integrated approach, which addresses both the linkages among the categories of FPRW and between them, and the other ILO strategic objectives in order to enhance their synergy, efficiency and impact. In this regard, freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining are particularly emphasized as enabling rights for the achievement of all these strategic objectives.

> 2011 AR: At its March 2010 Session, the Governing Body decided that the recurrent item on the agenda of the 101st Session (2012) of the International Labour Conference should address the ILO strategic objective of promoting and realizing fundamental principles and rights.

2009 AR: During its March 2009 Session, the Governing Body included the Review of the follow-up to the 1998 ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work on the agenda of the 99th Session (2010) of the International Labour Conference.

LABOUR CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL 2013 AR: In June 2012, following the recurrent item discussion on fundamental principles and rights at work, under the ILO declaration on Social Justice for a CONFERENCE RESOLUTION Fair Globalization, 2008 and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up, 1998, the International Labour Conference adopted the Resolution concerning the recurrent discussion on fundamental principles and rights at work. This resolution includes a framework for action for the effective and universal respect, promotion and realization of the FPRW for the period 2012-16. It calls for the Director- General to prepare a plan of action incorporating the priorities laid out in this framework for action for the consideration of the Governing Body at its 316th Session in November 2012.

> 2011 AR: Following a tripartite debate at the Committee on the 1998 Declaration, the 99th Session (2010) of the International Labour Conference adopted a Resolution on the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental



Principles and Rights at Work on 15 June 2010. The text appended to this Resolution supersedes the Annex to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and is entitled "Annex to the 1998 Declaration (Revised)". In particular, the Resolution "[notes] the progress achieved by Members in respecting, promoting and realizing fundamental principles and rights at work and the need to support this progress by maintaining a follow-up procedure. For further information, see pages 3-5 of the following link: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_143164.pdf.