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Precarious Work
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Trade Unions addressing Precarious work at the ILO
Two strands

• Triangular work relationships

• The scope of the employment relationship
Triangular relationships

• 1994 Committee on Private Employment agencies

• 1997 revision of Convention No.96

• Follow up activities to Convention No. 181

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The Committee on the role of Private Employment Agencies

General Discussion

1994
The Private Employment Agencies
Convention No. 181
1997
Employment relationships

- The 1997 and 1998 Committee on Contract Labour
- The 2000 Experts meeting
- The 2003 Discussion on the scope of the Employment Relationship
- The 2006 Recommendation on the Employment Relationship
Contract Labour
1997-1998

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No common understanding of what “contract labour” means

A contract of service
or
a contract for services?
“Work performed for a natural or legal person, pursuant to a contractual arrangement other than a contract of employment with the user enterprise, under actual conditions of dependency on or subordination to the user enterprise, where these conditions are similar to those that characterise an employment relationship under national law and practice.”
Meeting of Experts
Workers in Situations needing Protection

May 2000
Committee on the Employment Relationship

2003

General discussion and Conference Resolution
Employment Relationship

Recommendation No. 198
2006

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