

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (2017)

THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR

Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention

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| REPORTING | Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations | YES. | |
| | Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process | AR 2017: YES, according to the Government: the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Employers' Federation (SVEF) and the National Labour Congress (NLC) have been consulted through the communication of the Government's report for their observation and feedback. | |
| OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS | Employers' organizations | No. | |
| | Workers' organizations | No. | |
| EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL | Ratification | Ratification status | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention. |
| | | Ratification intention | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that the impediments concerning the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29 relate to low priority and limited resources. However, the ratification of the Protocol is likely. |
| | Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour | 2017 AR: The Government reported that there are no national policies and action plans for the prevention of all forms of forced labour and for combatting trafficking-in-persons for purposes of forced labour. | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that no measures have been taken or envisaged. | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged to prevent all forms of forced labour | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that no measures have been taken or envisaged. | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that no measures have been taken or envisaged. | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that no measures have been taken or envisaged. | |
| | Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out | | |
| | Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs | 2017 AR: The Government indicated that it has not yet been undertaking cooperation activities with other member States, and international, regional and non-governmental organisations. | |
| | Promotional activities | | |
| | Special initiatives/Progress | | |
| CHALLENGES IN REALIZING | According to the social partners | Employers' organizations | |

| MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL | | Workers' organizations | |
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| | According to the Government | 2017 AR: According to the Government, the following are the main challenges: a) Lack of awareness; b) Lack of information and data; d) Social and economic circumstances; f) Shortcomings in the legislative framework; g) Lack of resources in the institutional framework; j) Lack of social dialogue on the principle; k) Lack of resources in employers' organizations; and l) Lack of resources in workers' organizations. | |
| TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS | Request | 2017 AR: The Government indicated the need for technical cooperation with the ILO in the following areas: a) Guidance on the development of the national policy and plan of action; b) Strengthening the legal framework; c) Capacity building for the competent authorities; d) Vocational training, job-creation and income-generation programmes for at-risk populations; e) Assessment, in cooperation with the ILO, of the obstacles identified and their impact on the realization of the principle; f) Awareness-raising and mobilization activities; g) Collection and analysis of data and information; h) Inter-institutional coordination; i) Basic social security guarantees; j) Guidance on supporting due diligence; k) Capacity building for employers' and workers' organizations; l) Promotion of freedom of association and collective bargaining to enable at-risk workers to join workers' organizations; and m) Exchange of experiences between countries or regions; international cooperation. | |
| | Offer | NIL. | |