

**BAHAMAS (2018)**

**THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR**

**Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention**

<b>REPORTING</b>	<b>Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations</b>	Yes.	
	<b>Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process</b>	No. However, the Government reports the existence of the Tripartite Council.	
<b>OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	No.	
	<b>Workers' organizations</b>	No.	
<b>EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Ratification status</b>	The Bahamas has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention.
		<b>Ratification intention</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Protocol is likely to be ratified.
	<b>Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> There are national policy and plans of actions for the prevention of all forms of forced labour as well as for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour. Protection from slavery and forced labour is enshrined within the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, which is supreme law. The Trafficking In Persons (Prevention And Suppression) Act was established to provide comprehensive measures to combat that activity. There is also a Trafficking in Persons Task Force whose role is to coordinate the implementation of the Government's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Strategy through identifying and assisting victims, preventing trafficking and ensuring the prosecution of traffickers.	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action</b>		
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Government indicates that measures have been taken or envisaged, but does not provide further details.	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The following measures have been taken or envisaged: a) Legal protection of victims; b) Medical and psychological assistance for victims; c) Protection of privacy and identity; d) Appropriate accommodation; and e) Specific measures for children.	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Government indicates that measures have been taken or envisaged, but does not provide further details.	
	<b>Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out</b>		
	<b>Cooperation with other Member States,</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Government cooperates with other member States and international, regional and non-governmental organisations in order to sustainably eliminate forced labor.	

	<b>international / regional organizations or NGOs</b>		
	<b>Promotional activities</b>		
	<b>Special initiatives/Progress</b>		
<b>CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>According to the social partners</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	
		<b>Workers' organizations</b>	
	<b>According to the Government</b>		
<b>TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Government indicated the important need for technical cooperation with the ILO in the following area: exchange of experiences between countries or regions; international cooperation.	
	<b>Offer</b>		