

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (2017-2018)

THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR

Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention

REPORTING	Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations	Yes.	
	Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process	<p>AR 2018: No.</p> <p>AR 2017: Yes, 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.</p>	
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	<p>2018 AR: The Protocol is likely to be ratified. The impediments to ratification relate to the absence of appropriate administrative and legislative framework as well as to the limited manpower and lack of financial resources.</p> <p>2017 AR: 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.</p>
	Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour	<p>2018 AR: There is no national policy and/or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour but a plan of action for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour does exist.</p> <p>2017 AR: 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.</p>	
	Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action		
	Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour	<p>2018 AR: The following measures have been taken or envisaged: a) Information, education and awareness raising targeting especially people in vulnerable situation and employers; b) Regulation and supervision of the labour recruitment and placement process; and c) Supporting due diligence by the public and private sectors.</p>	
	Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour		
	Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies		

	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	2017-2018 ARs: The Government 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 MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	According to the social partners	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Employers' organizations</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workers' organizations</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Employers' organizations		Workers' organizations	
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According to the Government	2017 AR: 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	<p>2018 AR: The Government requires ILO technical cooperation in the following areas: most important: a) Vocational training, job-creation and income-generation programmes for at-risk populations; b) Inter-institutional coordination; c) Capacity building for competent authorities; and d) Guidance on the development of the national policy and plan of action; k); and l) Guidance on supporting due diligence. Important: a) Collection and analysis of data and information; b) Awareness-raising and mobilization activities; c) Strengthening the legal framework; d) Basic social security guarantees; e) Exchange of experiences between countries or regions; international cooperation; f) Capacity building for employers' and workers' organizations; and g) Guidance on supporting due diligence.</p> <p>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); 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.</p>				
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