

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (2018)

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 | 2018 AR: No information provided. | |
| 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 | Trinidad and Tobago has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention. |
| | | Ratification intention | 2018 AR: The Protocol is likely to be ratified. |
| | Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour | 2018 AR: There is a national policy and/or plan of action for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour. | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action | | |
| | Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour | 2018 AR: The following measures have been taken: a) <i>Increase public awareness:</i> i) to increase public awareness about trafficking in persons; targeting vulnerable groups and stakeholders (children, women, men, families, visitors, potential victims) on trafficking issue: Social Media campaign, Print, TV, radio campaign, Sensitization sessions and trainings, Anti-child trafficking campaign; ii) to increase /revise training and public awareness material on trafficking in children (under 18 years): Sensitization sessions/visits, Inclusion of children under age 18 years; and iii) to increase the awareness among frontline persons and NTF Ministries about the indicators, legal consequences and sanctions against trafficking: One and two-day trainings with frontline officers to include Airports Authority, Airline Counter Personnel and Flight Attendants, Trainings for travel agents and staff at hotels and guest houses, Airing of PSAs and locally produced films as part of inflight entertainment. 18 officers trained from defence force, 4 from customs and 2 from labour inspectorate. 85 officers trained from labour ministry. Implementers: CTU in partnership with IOM, NGOS, FBOS, NTF Ministries and other government agencies; b) <i>Increase human resource capacity in the prevention of trafficking and inter- institutional cooperation:</i> i) to increase the capacity of educational institutions in the prevention of trafficking: Training and sensitization sessions for adults who work directly with children, Training for Parent-Teachers Associations, school social workers, SERVOL; ii) to increase the capacity of NGOS, FBOs and civil society organizations in the prevention of trafficking: Training and education to NGOS, FBOs and civil society organizations; c) <i>Curb demand for commercial sex services: to demonstrate to the public through sensitization, the link between commercial sex services and trafficking in</i> | |

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| | | <p><i>persons and children for sexual exploitation:</i> i) bilingual media and promotional messages targeting users and buyers of commercial sex activities, ii) intervention workshops targeting adult and child males to deter them from all forms of violence against women including purchase of sex, and iii) reduce vulnerabilities of at-risk groups by directing messages to this population; d) <i>Improve legal and regulatory framework:</i> to ensure that national legislation and regulations necessary to counter trafficking and protect victims of trafficking are updated to keep abreast with international obligations: i) Review TIPs Act Ch.12:10 and other laws that impact on countering human trafficking and make amendments to improve implementation of legislation, ii) The Strategic Services Agency Amendment Bill 2016 to include detection and prevention of serious crime which includes human trafficking; iii) Proposed Evidence Bill to include identification confrontation, voice identification, video link, witness anonymity orders; iv) Criminal Procedures Rules 2016 to include faster disposal of cases – improved case and time management; v) Amendment to Proceeds of Crime Bill to expedite confiscation orders, recovery orders and unexplained wealth orders locally and in overseas territories; vi) Amendment to Legal Aid and Advice Act to empower the court to appoint a public defender when one is absent on a prescribed number of occasions; vii) Review Rent Assessment Board regulations and propose amendments; viii) Review hotel and guest house registration procedures and regulations and propose amendments, and ix) Review of the Immigration Act; e) <i>Deter potential trafficking in adults and children and reduce actual trafficking through administrative controls:</i> to ensure the enforcement of existing national labour standards to deter trafficking for labour exploitation: i) CTU and labour Inspectorate engaged in 3 joint operations; ii) CTU made recommendations to ILO’s Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention No. 29 (P029) which was adopted the same year; iii) Labour and Foreign Affairs in the enforcement of existing national labour standards; and iv) Develop and sign a Memorandum Of Understanding between MLSED and CTU for collaboration and sharing of information.</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 | | |
| | Promotional activities | | |
| | Special initiatives/Progress | | |
| CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL | According to the social partners | Employers’ organizations | |
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COUNTRY BASELINE UNDER THE ILO DECLARATION ANNUAL REVIEW

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| | According to the Government | |
| TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS | Request | |
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