



**ILO DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND RIGHTS AT WORK  
ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP CONCERNING NON-RATIFIED FUNDAMENTAL CONVENTIONS**

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**REPORT FORM**

**Effective abolition of child labour**

**Introduction**

The ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up, which was adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 86<sup>th</sup> Session on 18 June 1998, recalls that all Members, even if they have not ratified the Conventions regarded as fundamental, have an obligation arising from the very fact of their membership in the Organization to respect, to promote and to realize in good faith and in accordance with the Constitution, the principles concerning the fundamental rights which are the subject of those Conventions.

In order to give the Organization and its Members the opportunity of regularly observing their efforts to promote those principles, the Declaration has a promotional follow-up, one component of which sets out to obtain, through annual reports requested under article 19, paragraph 5(e), of the Constitution, information from Members that have not ratified one or more of the fundamental Conventions on any changes to their legislation and practice with regard to each of the categories of principles and rights set out in the Declaration.

This report form, which has been approved by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office for use by States that have not ratified both the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), forms part of this component of the follow-up to the Declaration and concerns the effective abolition of child labour.

To be completed with regard to aspects of the principle covered by the Convention or Conventions<sup>1</sup> to which your State is not a party.

*If necessary, please continue answers on a separate sheet, indicating the number of the question.*

1. Is the principle of the effective abolition of child labour recognized in any of the following ways in your country? (please tick as appropriate):
- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) in the Constitution      | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (b) in legislation           | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (c) in judicial decisions    | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (d) in collective agreements | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (e) other. Please specify    |                    |

*Please attach copies of relevant documents unless these have already been sent to the ILO, indicating Q.1.*

2. Is there a national policy or plan aimed at ensuring the effective abolition of child labour?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
**If yes**, please briefly describe the objectives and targets of this policy or plan, *indicating Q.2.*

*Please attach relevant documents to your reply, indicating Q.2.*

**If no**, does the Government intend to adopt a national policy and/or plan?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, by \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ No

- 3.1. Does legislation in your country establish a general minimum age for admission to employment?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
**If yes**, please indicate the general minimum age. \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Boys

- 3.2. Does the general minimum age for admission to employment cover the following types of work?
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|--|--------------------|
| (a) Work performed in a family-owned or -operated enterprise   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (b) Work performed in enterprises below a certain size.<br><b>If yes</b> , please specify size _____ | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (c) Home work  | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (d) Domestic service   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (e) Self-employed work   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (f) Commercial agriculture   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (g) Family and small-scale agriculture   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (h) Light work   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (i) Work performed in export processing zones  | _____ Yes _____ No |
| (j) Other type of work. Please specify   |                    |

**If no to any of the above**, please describe, where appropriate, any provisions applying to the type(s) of work not covered by the general minimum age (*indicating Q.3.2.*)

- 4.1. Does legislation in your country define hazardous work? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

<sup>1</sup> The text of these Conventions may be consulted on the ILO Internet site (<http://www.ilo.org>), in the official compilation of international labour Conventions and Recommendations, or obtained by request from the ILO Distribution Service, 4, route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22.

**If yes**, please indicate the definition of hazardous work and give some examples (*indicating Q.4.1*).

4.2. What is the minimum age for engaging in hazardous work? \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Boys

5. Do laws or regulations exist in your country with the aim of eliminating any of the worst forms of child labour? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please list the types of work covered in these laws or regulations.

*Please attach copies of relevant instruments unless these have already been sent to the ILO, indicating Q.5.*

6. Are steps currently being taken to modify existing legislation or to introduce new legislation to address the elimination of any of the worst forms of child labour? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please describe these steps (*indicating Q.6*).

7. Is there compulsory schooling for children in your country? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please specify either:

(a) the age of the child at the end of compulsory schooling; or \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Boys

(b) the number of years or grades of instruction required to complete compulsory education \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Boys

8. Please describe the situation in practice in your country with respect to child labour, including in the informal sector if appropriate (*indicating Q.8*).

9. Are any of the worst forms of child labour listed below generally believed or suspected to exist in your country? *Please tick the boxes that apply and provide any additional information, indicating Q.9.*

Category	Does not exist	Do not know if it exists	Believed or suspected to exist amongst	
			Girls	Boys
Sale and/or trafficking				
Debt bondage, serfdom, forced or compulsory labour				
Forced recruitment for armed conflict				
Prostitution				
Pornography				
Illicit activities, in particular production and trafficking of drugs				
Other worst forms of child labour (please specify types)				

10. Have specific measures or programmes of action been implemented or are they envisaged in your country to bring about the effective abolition of child labour? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
**If no, please skip to Question 13.**

	Measures to enforce minimum age(s) for employment		Measures to eliminate the worst forms of child labour	
	Implemented	Envisaged	Implemented	Envisaged
Legal reform				
Inspection/monitoring mechanisms				
Penal sanctions				
Civil or administrative sanctions				
Special institutional machinery				
Free compulsory education				
Employment creation/income generation				
Social assistance (e.g. stipends, subsidies, vouchers)				
Child rehabilitation following removal from work				
Vocational and skills training for young workers				
Awareness raising/advocacy				
International cooperation programmes or projects				
Other measures. Please specify				

*Please provide further details of the measures taken or envisaged, specifying the date and the organizations involved, indicating Q.10.*

11. In these measures or programmes, is special attention given to the needs of particular groups of children, including, if appropriate, those working in the informal sector? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**If yes,** please indicate which groups and describe any special measures undertaken (*indicating Q.11*).

12. Please describe the involvement, if any, of employers' and workers' organizations in the development and implementation of these measures or programmes of action (*indicating Q.12*).

13. Does the Government work with any multilateral agencies other than the ILO, bilateral donors and/or other organizations to combat child labour? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please describe this cooperation (*indicating Q.13*).

14. Does the Government record the following information in relation to the abolition of child labour:

(a) number of children withdrawn from child labour \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(b) number of ex-child labourers pursuing formal or non-formal education \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(c) sanctions applied to users of child labour \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please attach further details (*indicating Q.14*).

15.1. Does the Government undertake, or has it undertaken, surveys that provide statistical information on the extent and/or nature of child work? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, are surveys undertaken:

(a) on a regular basis; surveys are undertaken every \_\_\_\_\_ year(s); or

(b) occasionally; the last survey was undertaken in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please give the complete reference of the publication(s) of survey results (indicating Q.15.1).*

15.2. Are the results presented separately:

(a) by sex \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(b) by age. Please specify age groups: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(c) by occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(d) by type of activity \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(e) by number of hours worked \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

16.1. In your last population census, what was the lowest age of persons for whom questions were asked about economic activity? \_\_\_\_\_ years

16.2. In what year was the last population census? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Have any special measures been undertaken in your country that can be regarded as successful examples in the abolition of child labour? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please describe these measures, highlighting the involvement of employers' and workers' organizations and other actors (*indicating Q.17*).

18. If your Government has already submitted a full report on the principle of the effective abolition of child labour, under the Declaration follow-up, please describe the major changes since your last report, specifying the date of the changes (e.g. changes in the regulatory, policy or institutional frameworks, significant new programmes initiated, change in the number of working children) (*indicating Q.18*).

19. Please describe the main obstacles encountered in your country with respect to realizing the principle of the effective abolition of child labour (*indicating Q.19*).

20. Does your Government see a need for new or continued technical cooperation with the ILO to assist in the realization of the principle of the effective abolition of child labour?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes**, please indicate the types of technical cooperation needed, ranking in order of priority (1 = most important; 2 = 2nd most important, etc.; 0 = not important).

Type of technical cooperation needed	Ranking
Legal reform	
Policy advice	
Capacity-building of responsible government institutions (e.g. labour inspection and administration)	
Training of other officials (e.g. police, judiciary, social workers, teachers)	
Data collection and analysis	
Strengthening capacity of employers' and workers' organizations	
Employment creation, skills training and income generation	
Social protection systems	
Awareness raising, legal literacy and advocacy	
Sharing of experience across countries/regions	
Cross-border cooperation mechanisms	
Inter-institutional coordination	
Special programme for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour	
Other. Please specify	

Please attach further details for the **first 3** priority technical cooperation needs identified (indicating Q.20).

21. Regarding the preparation of this report:

- (a) Was there consultation with other governmental agencies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- (b) Were employers' organizations consulted in its preparation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- (c) Were workers' organizations consulted in its preparation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If yes** to any of the above, please describe the consultation process (indicating Q.21).

22. Regarding comments received on this report:

- (a) Did employers' organizations make any comments on the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- (b) Did workers' organizations make any comments on the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

23.1. Which employers' organizations have been sent copies of the report? *Please attach list.*

23.2. Which workers' organizations have been sent copies of the report? *Please attach list.*

24. Please provide as attachments to your report any other information relevant to the efforts made in your country to abolish child labour and list these attachments (for example, data on economic and demographic trends) (*indicating Q.24*).

**Replies are due not later than 1 August – Please send to the InFocus Programme on Promoting the Declaration, ILO, 4 route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland; Email: [declaration@ilo.org](mailto:declaration@ilo.org). An electronic version of this form may be found at [www.ilo.org/declaration](http://www.ilo.org/declaration).**

**Thank you for providing this information, which is to be used in the promotional spirit of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up.**