

Committee on the Application of Standards

Date: 28 May 2024

Governments concerned are invited to submit written information on serious failure to report by 28 May 2024.

► Information on cases of serious failure to respect reporting and other standards-related obligations supplied by governments

Brunei Darussalam

Failure to submit instruments to the competent authorities

The Government has provided the following written information.

The Government acknowledges the concern raised by the Committee of Experts regarding the case of serious failure to submit instruments to the competent authority. We would like to reiterate that Brunei Darussalam has actively engaged in sharing information on previously adopted conventions with relevant government agencies for their policy consideration and potential ratification.

When an ILO instrument is adopted by the ILO Conference, it undergoes an initial review by the Labour Department and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Subsequently, the instrument is shared with the respective Government ministries that hold the relevant policy portfolios. These government agencies collectively assess and determine the appropriate timeline for Brunei Darussalam to ratify the ILO instrument and implement the relevant obligations domestically. This comprehensive review process ensures that all implications are thoroughly considered and align with the national priorities and legislative framework.

As part of this process, Brunei Darussalam has reviewed and shared several recently adopted ILO instruments with relevant agencies. Notably, the Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation, 2023 (No. 208) adopted at the 111th Conference in 2023, has been circulated for policy consideration and potential implementation.

The Government is committed to enhancing this existing practice and ensuring full compliance with the submission's obligation. We recognise the need for further consultation and exploration to identify the most appropriate mechanisms and platforms within our national context. This will ensure comprehensive fulfillment of these objectives and foster widespread understanding and participation.

Brunei Darussalam has proactively sought guidance from the ILO Regional Office to ensure timely and accurate fulfillment of its responsibilities. We will host an ILO Expert Mission

to Brunei Darussalam in May 2024. This mission aims to clarify reporting responsibilities, work collaboratively to enhance compliance, and strengthen our commitment to the principles and goals of the ILO.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes any technical assistance or capacity-building efforts offered by the ILO to help achieve compliance with the obligations under Article 19 of the ILO Constitution.

We appreciate the Committee and the ILO for highlighting these points, and we look forward to further collaboration in addressing this issue.