

COUNTRY BASELINE UNDER THE ILO DECLARATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Egypt - 2023

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

91. When preparing its report, did the Government consult? [10.1]

a) The most representative employers organizations, b) The most representative workers organizations.

92. To which employers organizations was the report sent? [12] Please provide the list

Federation of Egyptian Industries federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce

93. To which workers organizations was the report sent? [13] Please provide the list

Egyptian Trade Union Federation

94. Please describe the consultation process(es). [10.2]

OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS

Employers' organizations

83. Have employers and or or workers organizations been consulted in the development and implementation of adopted measures? [6.1]	Yes
84. Please provide details and provide any relevant URL(s) [6.2]	
95. Did employers organizations comment on the report? [11a]	Yes
96. Did workers organizations comment on the report? [11b]	Yes
97. Please provide URL(s) to the responses and comments of the employers and workers organizations to the above questions, if you have received them	
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EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	
Ratification	

Ratification intention

61. If you have ratified Convention No. 29 but not the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29, what are the prospects for ratification of the Protocol?

Unlikely

62. What, if any, are the impediments to the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29?

Existence of a policy and or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour

63. Is there a national policy and plan of action aimed at realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [1.1]

Yes

65. Please also indicate the manner in which employers' and workers' organizations have been consulted. [1.3]

Reference to the Egyptian Government ratification of the International Labor Convention No. (144) of 1956 regarding tripartite consultations, the government of Egypt is committed to apply the principle of tripartite consultation between the government, employers', and workers' organizations during the process issuing and response to all reports submitted by Egypt within the framework of fulfilling its international obligations, where a copy of issued instruments and reports are sent to the tripartite and the government receive their comments and responses in this context . Cabinet Resolution No. 799 of 2018 was issued to form the Supreme Council for Community Dialogue in the Field of Labor, headed by the Minister of labor, whose membership includes the following ministries : The Ministry of Social Solidarity, the Ministry of Investment, the Ministry of International Cooperation, the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, the Ministry of Local Development, the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Public Business Sector, and the council has been developed. To become the Supreme Council for Social Dialogue. The Supreme Council for Community Dialogue is specialized in the following: 1- Participate in drawing up national policies for dialogue between social partners, and creating an environment conducive to consultation, cooperation, and information exchange. 2- Preparing studies and recommendations in the economic, social and related fields. 3- Expressing an opinion on draft laws related to work, trade union organizations and related laws. 4- Expressing an opinion on international and Arab labor agreements before signing them. 5- Proposing appropriate solutions to avoid collective labor disputes at the national level. 6- Building and strengthening trust between partners in the production process and adopting measures to

	assist and support economic projects that work to provide suitable job opportunities.
66. Does the Government envisage adopting a national policy and/or plan of action in this regard? [1.4]?	
67. Does the Government wish to receive ILO assistance in developing a national policy and/or plan of action in this regard? [1.4b]	
68. Is there a national policy and plan of action setting out measures and specific action for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour? [1.5]	Yes
69. Please describe these measures. [1.5]	Supporting poor and marginalized families and communities to combat creating victims Illegal immigration and trafficking. Raising awareness to change the culture that supports illegal immigration through educational and media institutions, as well as institutions concerned with youth. Supporting the role of criminal justice institutions in enforcing the law and victim protection.
70. Does the Government collect and analyse statistical data and other information on the nature and extent of forced or compulsory labour? [1.6]	Yes
71. Please describe these data. [1.6.1]	
72. Does the Government envisage collecting data on forced or compulsory labour? [1.6.2]	No information provided.

Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action

64. Please describe the measures envisaged, the established objectives and the authorities responsible for the implementation, coordination and assessment of these measures. Please provide any relevant URL(s) [1.2]	The Ministry established the Steering Committee for the National Employment Strategy, which includes several ministries, competent authorities and experts, in preparation for launching the strategy. This national strategy is considered as guidance for labor market policies, to improve mechanisms of employment services and incentives, to analyze the current labor market information, give us insights for the the future labour market needs, to participate more broadly in eliminating unemployment, and unify the state's plans and programs into a national strategy. The National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking launched the National Strategy to Combat and Prevent Illegal Immigration (2016-2026) in cooperation with the relevant ministries and all the stakeholders in the Egyptian state. The national strategy (2016-2026) targets groups most at risk of exploitation,
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	namely youth (18-35), children and their families, and unofficial arrivals to Egypt. It also seeks to prevent and punish immigration brokers, smugglers and traders through procedures and tight penalties. All government agencies concerned with combating TIP and raising-awareness participate in the implementation of the strategy, along with law enforcement agencies, educational, religious and media agencies, in addition to civil society bodies and components. The most important goals of the strategy are the following: Raising public awareness of the issue of illegal immigration. Mobilizing the necessary resources to support efforts to combat illegal immigration. Supporting development as a basis for combating illegal immigration. Investing in international cooperation to meet the targets of the strategy. Building and activating the legislative framework supporting activities to combat illegal immigration. Strengthening regional cooperation. The Egyptian government is committed to implement the national action plan for combating the worst forms of child labor in collaboration with all national stakeholders and international organizations.
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Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour

74. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the prevention of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [2.1]	Yes
75. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [2.2]	a) Information, education and awareness raising targeting especially people in vulnerable situation and employers, b) Strengthening and broadening of the coverage of legislation, particularly labour law, c) Regulation and supervision of the labour recruitment and placement process, e) Addressing the root causes that perpetuate forced labour, f) Promotion of safe and regular migration, g) Education/vocational training, h) Capacity building for the competent authorities, i) Promotion of freedom of association and collective bargaining to enable at-risk workers to join workers' organizations, j) Basic social security guarantees.
75.a-f.. Please provide a description of measures taken or envisaged:	No information provided.

Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour

76. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the identification, release, protection, recovery and rehabilitation of victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [3.1]	Yes
77. If so, please indicate the type of measures [3.2]	a) Training of relevant actors for identification of forced labour practices, b) Legal protection of victims, d) Medical and psychological assistance for victims, e) Measures for the

	rehabilitation and social and professional reintegration of victims, f) Protection of privacy and identity, g) Appropriate accommodation, h) Specific measures for children.
Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies	
78. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged to provide victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour with access to remedies? [4.1]	Yes
79. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [4.2]	a) Information and counselling for victims regarding their rights, b) Free legal assistance, c) Cost-free proceedings, e) Access to remedies and compensation, f) Capacity building and enhanced resources for the competent authorities, such as labour inspection, law enforcement, prosecution services and judges.
80. Please indicate whether the measures aimed at providing access to justice and remedies apply to all victims of forced or compulsory labour, irrespective of their presence or legal status in the national territory. [4.3]	Yes
81.1 Please Specify	a) Other member States, b) International and regional organizations, c) Non-governmental organizations.
Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out	
79.g. Please provide a description of measures taken or envisaged:	
79.g. Please indicate the population groups benefiting from these measures and the relevant forced labour practices:	No information provided.
Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs	
81. Does the Government cooperate with other member States, international and regional organizations, or non-governmental organizations to achieve the effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory labour? [5.1]	Yes
82. Please briefly describe the modalities of this cooperation. [5.2]	

Promotional activities

90. Please provide URL(s) to any new information on efforts made to respect, to promote and to realize the principle of effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies. [14]

No information provided.

Special initiatives or Progress

85. Please describe any significant changes which have taken place since your last report (for example, changes in the legislative and institutional framework, launching of major programmes, new data, changes in the number of persons in forced labour who have been identified, released and protected, penalties imposed on perpetrators). [7]

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CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL

According to the social partners

Employers' organizations

86. What are the main obstacles encountered by your country with regard to realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [8]

Workers' organizations

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According to the Government

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS

Request

87. Does your Government think that it should establish technical cooperation activities with the ILO or pursue those that already exist for the prevention and effective suppression of forced or compulsory labour, victim protection and access to remedies? [9.1]

No