

Committee on the Application of Standards

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Governments appearing on the preliminary list of individual cases have the opportunity, if they so wish, to supply on a purely voluntary basis, written information before 19 May 2025.

► Information on the application of ratified Conventions supplied by governments on the preliminary list of individual cases

Iraq (ratification: 2018)

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

The Government has provided the following written information.

Under Diwani Order No. 8 of 2024, a competent committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Director-General of the Legal Department at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MOLSA). It includes members from a number of the concerned authorities, as well as the Committee of Labour and Civil Society Organizations of the Iraqi Parliament, a representative of the Council of State, representatives of trade unions and professional federations and representatives of the Ministry's departments. The committee shall prepare the final version of the draft Law on Trade Unions.

The Trade Union Council was formed to represent all trade union organizations without any discrimination to address courts in the event of complaints by trade unionists, affirm freedom of labour and inform of the role of the MOLSA.

Trade union organizations of different orientations participate in the International Labour Conference as part of the official delegation of the Republic of Iraq and in all activities organized by MOLSA and carried out by an organization in coordination with the Ministry. The Minister of Labour participates in all activities organized by trade union organizations.

Trade union organizations actively participate in the discussion of the draft Law on Trade Unions. Their views regarding the draft Law are heard and their observations are taken into account in accordance with the provisions of Convention No. 87 of 1948, which Iraq acceded to by Law No. 7 of 2017, to achieve the best interests of trade union organizations.

Trade union federations participated in workshops held by the International Labour Organization to discuss the draft Law on Trade Unions in Erbil. Interactive dialogue between the MOLSA and trade union organizations continues.