

Committee on the Application of Standards

Date: 27 May 2025

Governments concerned are invited to submit written information on serious failure to report by 27 May 2025

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

Timor-Leste

Failure to supply information in reply to comments made by the Committee of Experts

Failure to supply reports for the past five years on unratified Conventions and Recommendations

Failure to submit instruments to the competent authorities

The Government has provided the following written information.

Challenges faced by Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste has faced significant unforeseen challenges over the past reporting period, which severely impacted our capacity to compile and submit the requested information:

- **COVID-19 pandemic:** The global COVID-19 pandemic placed an immense strain on our national resources and administrative capacity. The Government was fully mobilized to address the public health crisis, implement containment measures, and mitigate the socio-economic impact across all sectors. This necessitated a reprioritization of tasks and reallocation of personnel, which unfortunately affected our ability to dedicate sufficient resources to international reporting obligations.
- **Devastating floods in April 2021:** In April 2021, Timor-Leste experienced unprecedented major flooding and landslides that affected all 13 municipalities. This natural disaster caused widespread destruction, displacement, and significant disruption to infrastructure and public services. Our immediate focus shifted to humanitarian response, disaster relief, and initial recovery efforts. The aftermath of these floods continued to demand considerable attention and resources, diverting personnel from regular duties, including report preparation.

Bureaucratic process through ILO Jakarta

Furthermore, a procedural challenge adds to the complexity and time required for our submissions. The current requirement for Timor-Leste to channel all communications and reporting through the ILO Jakarta office often makes the process more time-consuming. This additional layer of bureaucracy can sometimes delay the transmission and receipt of documents, impacting our ability to meet strict deadlines, especially when compounded by the aforementioned crises.

Commitment to future reporting

We understand the importance of timely reporting to the ILO and remain committed to upholding our obligations as a Member State. We are actively working to overcome these challenges and improve our internal mechanisms for data collection and report preparation. We are currently in the process of completing this report and anticipate its submission once finished.

We kindly request your understanding and flexibility given the extraordinary circumstances Timor-Leste has faced. We are prepared to discuss how we can best provide the outstanding information and ensure more timely submissions in the future. Additionally, we would like to formally request future assistance from the ILO regarding capacity building for reporting.