

Committee on the Application of Standards

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Governments appearing on the list of individual cases have the opportunity, if they so wish, to supply written information to the Committee.

▶ Information on the application of ratified Conventions supplied by governments on the 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 relevant 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 and address courts in the event of complaints by trade unionists, ensure freedom of labour and provide information on the role of the MOLSA.

Trade union organizations in different domains 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 discussions on 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 the Convention, which Iraq acceded to by Law No. 7 of 2017, in the best interests of trade union organizations.

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