

## Committee on the Application of Standards

**Date:** 4 June 2025

**Governments concerned are invited to submit written information on serious failure to report.**

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

#### Belize

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

##### Failure to submit instruments to the competent authorities

The Government has provided the following written information.

Belize takes the Committee's concerns seriously, particularly regarding the non-submission of instruments to the competent authority and the lack of response to previous comments.

With respect to the non-submission of ILO instruments, although initial efforts were made to initiate the process, it was not completed due to procedural uncertainties. In response, the Ministry consulted with countries sharing similar legal systems and received technical guidance from the ILO. As a result, the Government is now moving forward with submitting the instruments to the National Assembly.

Regarding the lack of response to previous comments, Belize is working to finalize its 2024 reports by the end of July. These reports will then be reviewed by the Labour Advisory Board before submission to the ILO. The Labour Department has recently replaced officers who have retired and also expanded its team, therefore we acknowledge the need for technical capacity for these new officers. We therefore respectfully request the ILO's continued support in building the skills of our officers to meet reporting obligations effectively.

Finally, we recognize that timely report preparation is often delayed by challenges in securing input from key stakeholders, including various Ministries. To improve coordination, we request the ILO's support in organizing a national workshop focused on finalizing the 2025 reports and fostering greater stakeholder engagement.

We remain committed to upholding our responsibilities under the ILO Constitution and to working collaboratively to strengthen compliance and institutional capacity.