

Interpretation requests filed with the Permanent Court of International Justice (1922–32) under article 14 of the Covenant of the League of Nations

1. Designation of the Workers' delegate for the Netherlands at the third session of the International Labour Conference

[Advisory opinion](#) of 31 July 1922

Request introduced by a Conference [resolution](#) of 18 November 1921.

Referral decided by unanimous Governing Body [agreement](#) (January 1922).

Duration of proceedings: 2.5 months (from 22 May to 31 July 1922).

Three international organizations were invited to participate:

- International Association for the Legal Protection of Workers;
- International Federation of Christian Trades Unions;
- International Federation of Trades Unions.

Two organizations provided oral statements.

2. Competence of the ILO in regard to international regulation of the conditions of labour of persons employed in agriculture

[Advisory opinion](#) of 12 August 1922

Request introduced through a motion submitted by the Government of France directly to the Council of the League of Nations (January 1922).

Request [discussed](#) by the Governing Body based on an [oral report](#) from the Director, but no decision was made.

Duration of proceedings: 3 months (22 May to 12 August 1922).

Eight international organizations were invited to participate:

- International Federation of Agricultural Trades Unions;
- International League of Agricultural Associations;
- International Agricultural Commission;
- International Federation of Christian Unions of Landworkers;
- International Federation of Land-workers;
- International Institute of Agriculture;
- International Federation of Trades Unions;
- International Association for the Legal Protection of Workers.

Several organizations submitted written statements and also participated in the oral proceedings.

3. Competence of the ILO to examine proposals for the organization and development of the methods of agricultural production

[Advisory opinion](#) of 12 August 1922

[Request](#) introduced by the Government of France through a letter addressed directly to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations on 13 June 1922.

The Office submitted a report to the Governing Body (July 1922) but there was no discussion or decision.

Duration of proceedings: 24 days (from 18 July to 12 August 1922).

One international organization was invited to participate: the International Institute of Agriculture, which sent a separate communication.

4. Competence of the ILO to regulate, incidentally, the personal work of the employer

[Advisory opinion](#) of 23 July 1926

Request introduced by the Employers' group to the Governing Body through a [letter](#) of 8 January 1926.

Referral was [discussed](#) by the Governing Body and [decided](#) by vote (30th Session, January 1926).

Duration of proceedings: 4 months (from 20 March to 23 July 1926).

Three international organizations were invited to participate:

- International Organization of Industrial Employers;
- International Federation of Trades Unions;
- International Confederation of Christian Trades Unions.

Two submitted written memoranda and all three participated in the hearings.

5. Free City of Danzig and the ILO

[Advisory opinion](#) of 26 August 1930

Request introduced by the Office following a letter from the Government of Poland of 20 January 1930 requesting that the Free City of Danzig be admitted to the ILO.

Referral was [discussed](#) by the Governing Body and [decided](#) by vote (48th Session, April 1930).

Duration of proceedings: 4.5 months (from 15 April to 26 August 1930).

No international organizations were invited to participate.

6. Interpretation of the Night Work (Women) Convention, 1919 (No. 4), concerning employment of women during the night

[Advisory opinion](#) of 15 November 1932

Request introduced by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland through a letter addressed to the Governing Body Chairman on 20 January 1932.

Referral was [discussed](#) by the Governing Body and [decided](#) by vote (57th Session, April 1932).

Duration of proceedings: 6 months (from 10 May to 15 November 1932).

Three international organizations were invited to participate:

- International Federation of Trades Unions;
- International Confederation of Christian Trades Unions;
- International Organization of Industrial Employers.

Two submitted written statements and also participated in the oral proceedings.

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