

Lesotho: Legislation

ILO Strategic Policy Framework and Programme and Budget

The work of IPEC responds to specific country programme outcomes that have been formulated to respond to the needs of the ILO's tripartite constituents at national level. The following table indicates the country programme outcome 16 for this country as it relates to the overall child labour outcome described at [ILO's Programme and Budget 2010-2011, Outcome 16](#).

None	None
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Ratified international conventions and national legislation relating to child labour

ILO Conventions No. 138 and No. 182

The ILO has two core Conventions relating to child labour: [Convention No. 138 on minimum age](#), adopted in 1973, and [Convention No. 182 on the worst forms of child labour](#), adopted in 1999.

The status of ratification of these two Conventions is as follows:

Convention	Ratification date	Notes
ILO Convention No. 138 – Minimum age	14 June 2001	Minimum Age: 15
ILO Convention No. 182 – Worst forms	14 June 2001	None

Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations regarding Conventions No. 138 and No. 182

The Committee of Experts is mandated to provide an impartial and technical evaluation of the state of application of the ratified Conventions. The Committee of Experts makes two kinds of comments: observations and direct requests.

Observations contain comments on fundamental questions raised by the application of a particular convention by a state. These observations are published in the Committee's annual report.

Direct requests relate to more technical questions or requests for further information.

See below the individual observations and/or direct requests for Conventions No. 138 and No. 182.

Convention No. 138	
Individual observations	None
Direct requests	2005 2007 2008 2009 2010

Convention No. 182	
Individual observations	None
Direct requests	2005 2007 2008 2009 2010

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

[The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (CRC), adopted in 1989, contains a range of international rights for children. Article 32 of the Convention addresses child labour.

In addition to the CRC, the United Nations General Assembly adopted two Optional Protocols in 2000. One concerning the [involvement of children in armed conflict](#), and the second Optional Protocol on [the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography](#).

Convention	Date	Notes	Reservations/declarations
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Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	10 March 1992	None	None
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict	24 September 2003	None	Yes
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	24 September 2003	None	None

Committee on the Rights of the Child: Concluding observations on the CRC

The Committee on the Rights of the Child is mandated to monitor and report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by ratifying governments. The Committee also monitors implementation of the Optional Protocols. The Committee then provides concluding observations.

The Committee's concluding observations for the CRC and the Optional Protocols for this country, if ratified, can be accessed from the [United Nation's Treaty Body Database](#).

Relevant national legislation

For information on relevant national legislation of this country, please visit the ILO Natlex database (not available).