

Decision on the tenth item on the agenda: Complaint concerning non-observance by Qatar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), and the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), made by delegates to the 103rd Session (2014) of the International Labour Conference under article 26 of the ILO Constitution

In light of the reports submitted by the Government on measures taken to address the issues raised in the complaint, including the Law No. 21 of 27 October 2015 on the regulation of the entry and exit of expatriates and their residency, of which an unofficial copy was received, the Governing Body:

(a) requested the Government of Qatar to provide an official copy of Law No. 21 of 27 October 2015 in its report on the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), in time for its review by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations at its upcoming session (18 November–5 December 2015);

(b) requested the Government of Qatar to receive a high-level tripartite visit, before the 326th Session (March 2016), to assess all the measures taken to address all issues raised in the complaint, including on measures taken to effectively implement the newly adopted Law relating to the regulation of the entry and exit of expatriates and their residency;

(c) requested the Government of Qatar to avail itself of ILO technical assistance to support an integrated approach to the annulment of the sponsorship system, the improvement of labour inspection and occupational safety and health systems, and giving a voice to workers; and

(d) deferred further consideration on setting up a commission of inquiry until its 326th Session (March 2016), in light of the information referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above.

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