

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

Gabon (ratification: 2014)

Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006)

The Government has provided the following information.

The Government of Gabon reiterates its readiness and willingness to provide the first report due on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006). In this regard, the Government clarifies that the delay in drafting the report is due mainly to two factors: the legal procedure for the ratification of the Convention, and the lack of awareness of the Convention among professionals in Gabon's maritime sector. In the light of this situation, the Government needs to comply with the current internal procedure for ratifying international Conventions, a procedure that was not followed when the instrument of ratification of the MLC, 2006, was deposited in 2014, and compensate for the inadequacy, or even absence, of information that could contribute to the completion of the pending first report.

To this end, the Government is requesting technical and financial assistance from the Office to ensure that the Convention is disseminated to professionals in the sector concerned, to strengthen the technical capacities of the labour and merchant shipping officials responsible for drafting the report and to strengthen the capacities of the officials in charge of monitoring and implementing the Convention, namely the inspectors and controllers in charge of the maritime sector.

The Government reaffirms its commitment to ILO standards, and in particular to all supervisory mechanisms on standards, and undertakes to provide any relevant information that could facilitate follow-up to the Committee's recommendations. Lastly, the Government wishes to emphasize that, thanks to the participation of two of its officials in a training course organized in the first half of 2023 by the International Training Centre of the ILO with a view to building the capacity of constituents in the preparation of reports on the implementation of the MLC, 2006, and despite the fact that the official period set for the submission to the Committee of Experts of reports due under article 22 of the Constitution is over, the Government assures the Committee that the first report on Gabon's implementation of the

MLC, 2006, will indeed be transmitted. The Government requests the Committee for the possibility to provide additional information at a later date.