
Resolution IV

Resolution concerning further work on labour migration statistics

The 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians,

Recognizing the need to promote the development of international standards, common methodologies and approaches on labour migration statistics,

Taking note of the ILO's constitutional mandate to protect "the interests of workers employed in countries other than their own" (ILO Constitution, 1919, Preamble, recital 2), and the ILO-specific international standards for the governance of labour migration and protection of migrant workers, the Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), and the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), and the ILO Action Plan for Migrant Workers, adopted at the 2004 International Labour Conference, that identifies as a priority improving the information and knowledge base on global trends in labour migration, as reaffirmed in the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration (2006), "knowledge and information are critical to formulate, implement and evaluate labour migration policy and practice" (Principle III – Global knowledge base), and the Declaration of the UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (2013) which emphasizes "the need for reliable statistical data on international migration, including when possible on the contributions of migrants to development in both origin and destination countries ...",

Having reviewed the work undertaken by the ILO on the subject,

Recommends that the Office:

- (a) set up a working group with the aim of sharing good practices, discussing and developing a workplan for defining international standards on labour migration statistics that can inform labour market and migration policy,
- (b) prepare a progress report for discussion to the next ICLS.