
Resolution concerning promotion of welfare for the fishers

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Having adopted the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007,

Recognizing that the provision of adequate social protection and social security for all is a universally accepted development goal,

Acknowledging the specific nature of the fishing industry and the fact that fishers require special protection;

Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to request the Director-General, in a cost-effective manner, to consider, as appropriate, the following social issues related to fisheries, as part of its programme and budget:

- promotion of the provision of effective social protection and social security to all fishers within the ongoing work of the Organization so as to secure effective social protection for all;
- the particular employment problems that are faced by women in the fishing industry, including discrimination and the barriers to access to employment in the industry;
- the causes of occupational diseases and injuries in the fishing sector;
- the need to encourage member States to strongly ensure that fishers on fishing vessels in their ports are able to have access to fishers' and seafarers' welfare facilities;
- the need to provide member States and social partners with advice on developing strategies to improve the retention of fishers and the recruitment and retention of new entrants in fisheries;
- the issues relating to migrant fishers; and
- the education of fishers and their families by working together with appropriate bodies for the prevention of HIV/AIDS among fishers and in fishing communities.