

IRAQ (2016-2017)

THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR
Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention

REPORTING	Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations	YES.	
	Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process	YES, according to the Government: Involvement of the Iraq Federation of Industries (IFI) and the General Federation of Iraqi Workers (GFIW) by means of consultation and communication of a copy of the Government's report.	
OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS	Employers' organizations	AR 2016: Iraq Federation of Industries (IFI)	
	Workers' organizations	AR 2016: General Federation of Iraqi Workers (GFIW)	
EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	Ratification	Ratification status	Iraq has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention.
		Ratification intention	AR 2017: The Government indicated that the 2014 Protocol is in the process of ratification.
	Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour	2016 AR: The Government reported that there is no national policy and plan of action aimed at realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies. However, Iraq has a Labour Law of No. 27 of 2015 and an Anti-Human Trafficking Law of No. 28 of 2012.	
	Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action		
	Measures taken or envisaged to prevent all forms of forced labour	2017 AR: No. 2016 AR: According to the Government: the following measures have been taken or are envisaged for the prevention of all forms of forced or compulsory labour: a) dissemination of information and awareness raising; b) strengthening and expanding the coverage of the Labour Law through consultations and advice; c) forging cooperation with other concerned authorities in the regulation and supervision of the labour recruitment and placement process; and d) providing capacity building through education or vocational training.	
	Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour	2017 AR: No. 2016 AR: The Government reported that no measures have been taken for the identification, release, protection, recovery and rehabilitation of victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour.	
	Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies	2017 AR: No. 2016 AR: According to the Government: the Anti-Human Trafficking Law No.28 of 2012 provides for remedies, particularly for child victims. The Government indicated that it has taken measures including the provision of housing for child victims, medical assistance, legal protection and rehabilitation.	
	Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out		

	Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs	2017 AR: No.	
	Promotional activities		
	Special initiatives/Progress		
CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	According to the social partners	Employers' organizations	
		Workers' organizations	
	According to the Government	AR 2016: The Government reported that the following are the main obstacles encountered affecting the realization of the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced labour: a) absence of information and data; b) political and security situations; c) lack of social dialogue on the principle; and d) lack of resources in employers' and workers' organizations.	
TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS	Request	<p>2017 AR: The Government indicated there is a continuous cooperation with ILO at different levels of achievements.</p> <p>2016 AR: According to the Government: ILO technical assistance is required in the following areas: a) collection and analysis of data and information; b) guidance on the development of the national policy and plan of action; c) capacity building for the competent authorities, and employers' and workers' organisations; d) strengthening the legal framework and inter-institutional cooperation; e) vocational training, job-creation and income-generation programmes for at-risk populations; f) experience sharing; g) promotion of fair migration policies; h) awareness-raising and mobilization activities; i) provision of basic social security guarantees; promotion of fair recruitment and placement practices; j) assessment of obstacles and their impact on the realization of the Principle; k) promotion of freedom of association and collective bargaining to enable at-risk workers to join workers' organisations; and l) guidance on supporting due diligence.</p>	
	Offer	NIL.	