

## COUNTRY BASELINE UNDER THE ILO DECLARATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Cook Islands - 2021

### *THE EFFECTIVE ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOUR*

#### REPORTING

##### Fulfilment of Government's reporting obligations

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##### Involvement of Employers' and Workers organizations in the reporting process

91. When preparing its report, did the Government consult? [10.1]

a) The most representative employers organizations?, b) The most representative workers organizations?, c) The competent authorities?

94. Please describe the consultation process(es). [10.2]

The draft questionnaire was sent to the respective organisations with a cover email explaining the nature and objective of the questionnaire. We invited them to provide their comments and if necessary, we made ourselves available for a meeting.

#### OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS

##### Employers' organizations

95. Did employers organizations comment on the report? [11a]

No

##### Workers' organizations

96. Did workers organizations comment on the report? [11b]	No
<b>EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING THE PRINCIPLE AND RIGHT</b>	
<b>Ratification</b>	
<b>Ratification intention</b>	
21. What are the prospects for ratification of Convention No. 138?	Unlikely
23. What, if any, are the impediments to the ratification of Convention No. 138?	Lack of resources and capacity. Absence of political or social incentive to do so due to satisfaction of the Government and stakeholders of the current national minimum age. 13yrs for light work and for limited hours during school term conditional to approval of Government (administrative process that includes checking the working conditions, hours etc).
<b>Recognition of the principle and right (prospect(s), means of action, basic legal provisions)</b>	
<b>Constitution</b>	
24. Have there been changes in law and practice in your country as regards minimum age for admission to employment?	No
<b>Policy, legislation and/or regulations</b>	
24. Have there been changes in law and practice in your country as regards minimum age for admission to employment?	No

<b>Judicial decisions</b>	
24. Have there been changes in law and practice in your country as regards minimum age for admission to employment?	No
<b>Exercise of the principle and right</b>	
<b>Special attention to particular situations</b>	
29. Has particular attention been paid to specific groups of population, workers or sectors of activity in the efforts to promote effective abolition of child labour?	No
<b>Information/ Data collection and dissemination</b>	
26. Have efforts been made to promote the effective abolition of child labour in your country?	No
<b>Monitoring, enforcement and sanctions mechanisms</b>	
24. Have there been changes in law and practice in your country as regards minimum age for admission to employment?	No
<b>Promotional activities</b>	
26. Have efforts been made to promote the effective abolition of child labour in your country?	No
<b>Special initiatives-Progress</b>	
28. Have any initiatives resulted in successful examples or good practice in	No

<p>promoting the effective abolition of child labour?</p>	
<p><b>CHALLENGES IN REALIZING THE PRINCIPLE AND RIGHT</b></p>	
<p><b>According to the social partners</b></p>	
<p><b>Employers' organizations</b></p>	
<p><b>30. What are the current challenges and difficulties faced in the effective abolition of child labour?</b></p>	<p>Absence of data to confirm that there is effectively NO child labour in the Cook Islands. Consultations conducted prior to the ratification of ILO C.182 supported this statement, however, it had been recommended that further support be provided to the country in terms of further research and data collection to confirm official status.</p>
<p><b>Workers' organizations</b></p>	
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## TECHNICAL COOPERATION

### Request

**31. What are the technical cooperation needs in your country to promote the effective abolition of child labour?**

Awareness raising, research and data collection.