

## Committee on the Application of Standards

**Date:** 20 May 2021

*Governments concerned are invited to submit written information on serious failure to report by 20 May 2021.*

### ► Information on cases of serious failure to respect reporting and other standards-related obligations supplied by governments

#### South Sudan

#### Failure to reply to all or most of CEACR Comments, and failure to supply reports for the past five years on unratified Conventions and Recommendations

The Government has provided the following written information.

The Government of South Sudan noted the agenda of your Committee in document CAN/D.0/Rev. 2 as well as the document listing “Cases of serious failure by Member States to respect their reporting and other standards-related obligations” (document ILO serial number wcms\_794585).

Our government also notes in particular that you received no information from our article 22 reports in reply to all or most of CEACR Comments, and that we failed to supply reports for the past five years on unratified Conventions and Recommendations Article 19 reports for inputs on General Surveys.

We deplore this situation.

We also wish to explain that South Sudan, the world’s youngest nation, is gradually working towards better application of its ILO Constitutional obligations regarding the reporting on the application of international labour standards.

A first effort was made in August 2019 when we jointly organized a workshop in Juba on ILO reporting with the assistance of the Office. It resulted in submission of article 22 reports after a long period of non-compliance in this respect. We realize that the substantial quality of these reports must be improved, including reactions to issues raised by the ILO Committee of Experts.

In a further effort by our Government, I am pleased to share that South Sudan established a Labour Advisory Council on 26 May 2021, as mandated by the South Sudan Labour Act 2017. One of the tasks of the Council is to adhere to the obligations arising

from the ILO Constitution as stipulated by article 5-1 (a to e) of the ILO Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No.144).

The draft Regulations of the Council was discussed in a tripartite manner with support from the Office earlier this week on 30 May and 1 June. In addition, my government is seriously looking into the ratification of ILO C. 144.

Now that the Labour Advisory Council will be operational soon, and with the continuous assistance from the Office, we are hopeful that in the future, my Ministry will faithfully adhere to all reporting obligations arising from the ILO Constitution.

While South Sudan regrets it is not accredited to the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of this International Labour Conference, we however wish informally submit this information to your Committee and are thanking you for the opportunity.