

**Convention No. 87: Freedom of Association and Protection of the
Right to Organise, 1948
Direct request 2003/74**

Italy (ratification: 1958)

Article 2 of the Convention. The Committee understands that the Justice Committee of the Italian Senate has approved a Bill modifying the Judicial Regulations to prevent judges from joining or participating in any organization with political objectives or which conducts political activities. As this provision could be understood as preventing judges from joining a trade union, the Committee recalls that under *Article 2* of the Convention, workers and employers, *without distinction whatsoever*, shall have the right to establish and, subject to the rules of the organization concerned, to join organizations of their own choosing without previous authorization. The Committee therefore requests the Government to provide clarifications as to whether this provision has the effect of excluding judges from the right to organize and, if this is the case, to take the necessary measures to guarantee that judges continue to enjoy the right to organize. It requests the Government to keep it informed of any development in this respect.