

Italy (ratification: 1985)

1. The Committee notes the information provided in the Government's report in response to its previous comments, in particular regarding *Article 1, paragraphs 1 and 2*, as well as *Article 13 of the Convention*. It also notes the adoption of numerous legislative texts, in particular: Legislative Decree No. 25 of 2 February 2002 which transposes into the national legislation Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work, the Decree of 26 February 2004 relating to occupational exposure limits to chemical agents as well as Legislative Decree No. 187 of 19 August 2005 under Directive 2002/44/EC on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (vibration). It wishes, however, to receive additional information on the following points.

2. *Article 8, paragraphs 1 and 3. Criteria and exposure limits, regular revision of the criteria.* The Committee notes the information that the procedure allowing for the supervision and assessment of risks to workers of exposure, in particular through the establishment of registers, is still at the preparatory stage. The Committee also notes that an advisory committee was set up, in conformity with section 72ter of Inter-ministerial Decree No. 25 of 11 November 2002, in order to determine and update occupational exposure limits and maximum biological limits. It notes the information that, to date, this committee has not begun its work. *The Committee thus requests the Government to keep it informed as to any developments in this regard and to provide a copy of the relevant texts once they have been adopted.*

3. *Part IV of the report form. Application in practice.* The Committee requests the Government to provide extracts from labour inspection services reports, statistics on the number of workers covered by the legislation disaggregated by sex, if available, the number and nature of contraventions reported, as well as any other information allowing the Committee to assess more accurately how the Convention is applied in practice in the country.