

**Convention No. 159: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
(Disabled Persons), 1983
Direct request 2003/74**

Italy (ratification: 2000)

1. The Committee notes the Government's first report on the application of the Convention, containing detailed information on the national policy for the vocational rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities. It also notes the general observations made by CONFINDUSTRIA. It requests the Government to describe in more detail the measures adopted to evaluate the various approaches adopted by national legislation to promote the right to work of persons with disabilities, particularly those intended to enable persons with disabilities to obtain and retain employment and to advance in their profession. Furthermore, the Committee would be grateful if the Government would provide statistics, extracts of reports, studies or surveys on the matters covered by the Convention (*Article 7 of the Convention and Part V of the report form*).

2. Please also indicate how the representative organizations of employers are consulted on the matters set out in *Article 5* and the measures adopted to ensure the availability of suitably qualified vocational rehabilitation staff for persons with disabilities (*Article 9*).