

**Convention No. 102: Social Security (Minimum Standards), 1952**  
**Observation 2002/73**

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**Italy** (ratification: 1956)

With reference to its previous comments, the Committee notes the information supplied by the Government in its report, as well as that provided with respect to the application of the European Code of Social Security. It notes that, while Italy has accepted the obligations of the Convention only for *Parts V, VII and VIII*, the report contains detailed statistics for the calculation of the level of the benefits with respect to *Parts III, IV, V, VIII, IX and X*. These statistics show that the replacement level prescribed by the Convention is attained by all the benefits concerned. The same is true also for the level of the benefits covered by *Parts VI and VII* of the Convention, calculated according to the statistics supplied by the Government in its 16th annual report on the application of the European Code of Social Security. Basing its calculations on *Article 65 of the Convention*, the Government states in its report on the Convention that the level of periodical payments to a standard beneficiary set out in the schedule to Part XI, is fully respected. The Committee notes this statement with interest. It would like to remind the Government of the possibility offered by *Article 4* of the Convention of extending its acceptance of the obligations in respect of those Parts of the Convention which were not initially specified in its ratification. In particular, taking into account that Italy has long since accepted Part VI (Employment injury benefit) of the European Code of Social Security, the Committee suggests to the Government to consider also accepting Part VI (Employment injury benefit) of the Convention, which contains similar provisions.