

Italy (ratification: 1924)

The Committee notes the information contained in the Government's reports and requests the Government to supply copies of the following documentation, which has not been received: (i) Decree of 16 May 2001 issued by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport; and (ii) Legislative Decree No. 297 of 19 December 2002, as well as Legislative Decree No. 181 of 21 April 2000.

Article 5 of the Convention. The Committee notes with interest that, pursuant to section 24 of Decree No. 584/1992, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport set up the Central Committee for the Placement of Seafarers, chaired by the director-general of maritime and port labour, and composed of an equal number (four) of representatives of shipowners, seafarers and the general directorate of maritime and port labour. At the request of the Ministry, shipowners' or seafarers' organizations, the Central Committee for the Placement of Seafarers gives its opinion on any matter relating to the placement of seafarers and the application of contractual provisions. Please provide particulars of the Central Committee's functioning and practical examples of its advisory work.

Article 8. The Government indicates in its report that only seafarers of Italian nationality or nationality of a Member State of the European Community may be included in registers kept by the seafarers' placement offices and that it is not yet possible to verify throughout the national territory the availability of maritime personnel for embarkation. The Committee notes that the Government has repeatedly advised the competent authority about the need to set up a computerized system for acquiring data related to the management of maritime personnel. The Committee trusts that the Government will soon be in a position to supply statistical information on the number and nationality of foreign seafarers who have taken advantage of the facilities provided for the placement of seafarers.

Article 10, paragraph 1. The Committee notes that the Maritime Labour Market Observatory has been established by ministerial decree of 16 May 2001 but is not yet in operation because of the failure to institute the consolidated general roster for the placement of seafarers. The data processing office of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport is in the process of conducting a feasibility study of the information system geared to the set-up and running of the roster. The Committee hopes that the respective agencies will soon be operational and asks the Government to keep it informed on any further developments in the matter. In the meantime, please supply all available statistical or other information on unemployment among seafarers.