

Italy (ratification: 1929)

Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 4. The report refers to section 368 of the Navigation Code under which foreign seafarers enlisted upon national ships are repatriated, as long as the States of which they are citizens ensure equal treatment of Italian nationals enlisted upon ships bearing their flag. The Convention, however, does not contain any such rule of reciprocity. Since no such limitation is permitted in the case of foreign seafarers engaged in a port of their own country, the Committee hopes that measures will be taken to ensure that those seafarers are entitled to repatriation without any condition of reciprocity, in conformity with this provision of the Convention.

Part V of the report form. Please give a general appreciation of the manner in which the Convention is applied in Italy, including, for instance, extracts from official reports, information on the number of seafarers covered by the measures giving effect to the Convention, and information on any practical difficulties in the application of the Convention.

The Committee further recalls that the Governing Body has invited States that have ratified the initial Repatriation of Seamen Convention, 1926 (No. 23), to consider the possibility of ratifying the corresponding Repatriation of Seafarers Convention (Revised), 1987 (No. 166), and denounce the previous Convention (see paragraphs 9-12 of document GB.280/LILS/WP/PRS/1/2, March 2001). The Committee would appreciate if the Government would provide, in its next report, any information concerning consultations on this matter.