

Italy (ratification: 1981)

Article 2, paragraphs (b) and (f), of the Convention. Obligations of the Member with regard to ships registered in its territory. The Committee notes the establishment of the “International Register” in accordance with Act No. 30 of 27 February 1998. Section 3(1) of the Act provides that the economical, normative and social security conditions of seafarers with Italian or other EU nationality on board vessels registered in the “International Register” are governed by the laws concerning contracts and collective agreements of the respective member States. According to section 3(2) of Act No. 30/1998, the work relationships of seafarers on board vessels registered in the “International Register” who do not have EU nationality and are not resident in the EU, are regulated by the law selected by the parties and in conformity with ILO maritime labour Conventions.

Considering that section 3 provides for the possibility to apply the legislation of the country of origin in case of foreign seafarers, the Committee requests the Government to provide full information as to how it discharges its obligation to exercise effective jurisdiction or control over ships registered in the “International Register”, in respect of safety standards, social security measures and shipboard conditions of employment and living arrangements prescribed by laws or regulations, as required by *Article 2, paragraph (b)*. The Committee also requests the Government to furnish details as to how it fulfils its obligation under *Article 2, paragraph (f)*, to verify by inspection or other appropriate means that ships registered in the “International Register” comply with ratified international labour Conventions, with the laws and regulations required by paragraph (a) of this Article and, as appropriate, with collective agreements.