

Italy (ratification: 1981)

The Committee notes with interest the information supplied by the Government in response to its previous comments under *Articles 2, 3 and 4, paragraph 3(d), of the Convention*. It asks the Government to continue to keep it informed on statistics collected and research undertaken in accordance with *Articles 2 and 3*. It also notes the observation received from UILTRASPORTI regarding accident prevention and health protection.

Article 4, paragraph 3(g) and (h). Provisions concerning accident prevention. The Government indicates that the technical standards of classification societies recognized by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (e.g. RINA; Italian Shipping Register) contain provisions covering the issues of anchors, chains and lines, as well as ballast. Please supply a copy of the technical standards covering the matters provided in *paragraph 3(g) and (h)* of this Article.

Article 8, paragraphs 1 and 2. Programmes for the prevention of occupational accidents. The Government refers, in this context, to section 27(5) of Decree No. 271/1999, which provides for training courses for seafarers on occupational safety and health. The Government also indicates that previously exclusive prerogatives of the national Government have been devolved upon the regions with a view to strengthening federalism. Consequently, the national Government's responsibilities have been significantly reduced and handed over to local government. The Committee notes that issues concerning programmes for accident prevention have been devolved and effect will be given to section 27, in pursuance of *Article 8* of this Convention, once this reform has been fully implemented. The Committee requests the Government to keep it informed on all developments concerning the establishment of programmes for the prevention of occupational accidents at the national, regional and industry-wide level, and the manner in which cooperation and participation of shipowners, seafarers and their organizations, as well as other interested bodies, are ensured in accordance with these provisions.

Article 9. Instruction in accident prevention and health protection. The Committee notes that the observation of UILTRASPORTI indicates that Decree No. 271/1999 deals with the issue of training for seafarers in occupational safety and health by referring to the obligations of the shipowner and the master, who account for cost and control of the necessary prevention initiatives, such as training and information. The Committee asks the Government to respond to this observation in its next report.