

**SERBIA (2018)**
**THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR**
**Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention**

<b>REPORTING</b>	<b>Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations</b>	Yes.	
	<b>Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> Copies of the report were sent to the following organizations: the Serbian Association of Employers, the Trade Union Confederation "Nezavisnost" and the Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia. The Questionnaire on implementation of the Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998) was, after filling of the form (preparation of answers in writing) delivered to the representative organisations of social partners listed above for commenting. The Government approved the received comments and after the online entering of the answers into the Questionnaire, the comments were delivered to the International Labour Organisation.	
<b>OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	Yes.	
	<b>Workers' organizations</b>	Yes.	
<b>EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Ratification status</b>	Serbia has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention.
		<b>Ratification intention</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Protocol is unlikely to be ratified.
	<b>Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour</b>	<p><b>2018 AR:</b> There is a national policy and/or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour.</p> <p>A). Establishment of the employment relationship with persons under the age of 15 is prohibited by the Labour Law ("Official Gazette of the RS", no. 24/05, 61/05, 54/09, 32/13, 75/14, 13/17-CC decision and 113/2017), and for the persons aged 15 to 18 additional conditions need to be fulfilled. To protect the youth, this Law prescribes the jobs that could be performed by the persons aged 15 to 18 and limitation with regard to the working hours.</p> <p>B) Regulation on Determining Hazardous Work for Children – "Official Gazette of the RS" number 53/2017 was adopted, which actually represents the list of jobs that must not be performed by children. Application of the Regulation started on 1.1.2018 and it will be implemented by all competent inspections, from the labour inspection to social welfare inspection. The Regulation prescribes measures for protection of life and health of children who are educated/trained to obtain appropriate qualifications for work in an occupation or a group of occupations.</p> <p>C) During the session of the Council for Child Rights of the Government of Serbia, held on 11 November 2017, General Comment on Children in Street Situations, published by the UN Committee for Child Rights, was presented. Instruction on the procedure to be complied with by centres for social work in protecting children from child labour abuse (2017) that, among the other things, provides the principles for acting of professional workers, general obligations of professional workers, methods for detecting the need for interventions, actions prioritisation, methods and techniques of determining child labour abuse, measures taking, expert procedure of the centre for social work, etc.</p>	

		D) During the session of the Council, held on 1 January 2018, Roadmap for Achieving the Elimination.	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action</b>		
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour</b>		
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour</b>		
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies</b>		
	<b>Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out</b>		
	<b>Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs</b>		
	<b>Promotional activities</b>		
	<b>Special initiatives/Progress</b>		
<b>CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>According to the social partners</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	
		<b>Workers' organizations</b>	
	<b>According to the Government</b>		
<b>TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>2018 AR:</b> The Government does not indicate the need for technical cooperation.	
	<b>Offer</b>		