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Ciett negotiates the text of the domestic workers Convention at the 100th session of the ILO Conference 20.06.11 (09:50)



In Geneva on 1 through 17 June, a Ciett delegation took part in negotiations for the text of the convention concerning decent work for domestic workers during the 100th session of the International Labour Conference.

Ciett Vice-President Fred van Haasteren, Managing Director Denis Pennel, Policy Advisor Sandro Pettineo and Eurociett President Annemarie Muntz as part of the employers' delegation joined in the discussions leading to the text of the Convention and the accompanying Recommendation being voted on during the session.

Ciett welcomes the adoption of the new instruments and appreciates that the final texts overcome the risk of inconsistency with the private employment agencies [Convention No. 181](#), as previously laid out in the drafts. Particularly, Ciett takes note that the provision about domestic workers recruited by private employment agencies is in line with the wording of Convention No. 181 regulating private employment agencies.

Ciett appreciates the adopted text of the supplementing recommendation No. 201, especially where it calls for members to promote good practices by private employment agencies in relation to domestic workers, including migrant domestic workers, taking into account the principles and approaches in the Convention No. 181, and its supplementing recommendation, No. 188. In negotiations, Ciett argued for consistency between new labour Standards and Conventions already in force in order to ensure their effectiveness and to maximise the potential for ratifications.

Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201 were adopted by a vote of 396 to 16, with 63 abstentions and by a vote of 434 to 8, with 42 abstentions respectively. They aim at ensuring the same basic labour rights as those available to other workers: reasonable hours of work, weekly rest of at least 24 consecutive hours, a limit on in-kind payment, clear information on terms and conditions of employment, as well as respect for fundamental principles and rights at work including freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining.

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