

Statement of Interpretation on Article 18

The provisions of this article and those of Article 19 mainly concern the situation of foreign workers and the Committee realised that the attitude of the Contracting Parties towards such workers was inevitably affected by the repercussions of the economic trend which began to emerge towards the end of the period 1972-1973. As has been indicated in the General Introduction to these conclusions, the Committee took account of this circumstance in assessing the application of the provisions of article 18 by the states concerned. The above mentioned considerations should both be kept in mind when appreciating the attitude of the Contracting Parties with regard to the restrictions imposed on the employment of migrant workers, who are more than others affected by the economic situation.