

Statement of Interpretation on Article 19

As there have been considerable developments in recent years in the oil industry, particularly exploration for and production of hydrocarbons in certain areas of the North Sea, the Committee, when examining those parts of the biennial reports submitted for the present supervisory review which concern more particularly Article 19, discussed the position of the migrant workers who are apparently employed in these activities. It expressed the opinion that it would be appropriate for the governments of those states which are bound by the charter and border on the North Sea to include, in the biennial reports which they will present for the 5th cycle of supervision, adequate information on this point and particularly on how such workers are effectively provided with the protection guaranteed by the Charter.