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## Press Release

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### **The International Labour Organization (ILO) requests an advisory opinion from the Court on the interpretation of ILO Convention No. 87 with respect to the right to strike**

THE HAGUE, 14 November 2023. On 10 November 2023, the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO), at its 349th *bis* (special) session, adopted a resolution on the interpretation of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87) with respect to the right to strike, requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice.

In its resolution, the Governing Body of the ILO, stating that it is “[c]onscious that there is serious and persistent disagreement” among the Organization’s tripartite constituents on the interpretation of the Convention, decided, in accordance with Article 37, paragraph 1, of the ILO Constitution,

“[t]o request the International Court of Justice to render urgently an advisory opinion under Article 65, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, and under Article 103 of the Rules of Court, on the following question:

*Is the right to strike of workers and their organizations protected under the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)?”*

The request for an advisory opinion was transmitted to the Court by the Director-General of the ILO by a letter dated 13 November 2023.

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The full text of the request for an advisory opinion will be available shortly on the Court’s website: [www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org).

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