



Sri Lanka Ratifies The ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)

On 12 January 2016, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka deposited with the International Labour Office the instrument of ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).

In depositing the instrument of ratification, Ambassador Aryasinha, the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, stated: "Sri Lanka is committed to the creation of new job opportunities in sustainable manner as envisaged in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 and particularly, in line with the Government's commitment to eradicate poverty and promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.

Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO stated that the ratification of Sri Lanka, located in a key position within the global liner shipping network, brings one more important player in the Asia Pacific region within the scope of the MLC, 2006 and proves once more that the Convention has sparked a new dynamic, as countries now realize that the MLC, 2006 unavoidably impacts on the manner in which they conduct maritime trade and that they have to align their laws and practice with Convention provisions. The ratification will allow Sri Lanka to improve labour conditions for over 22,000 seafarers and ensure that ships calling at its ports are inspected in compliance with the Convention requirements thereby promoting quality shipping and providing additional protection for seafarers transiting within its waters.

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