

# **AOS-USA Resolution in Support of Work in Fishing Convention (No. 188) and Recommendation (No. 199), 2007**

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Whereas commercial fishing is one of the most deadly occupations;

Whereas commercial fishing is carried out under only minimum safety and training regulations;

Whereas ILO 188 and Recommendation 199 provide a new standards designed to ensure that workers in the fishing sector:

- have improved occupational safety and health and medical care at sea, and that sick or injured fishers receive care ashore;
- receive sufficient rest for their health and safety;
- the protection of a work agreement; and,
- the same social security protection as other workers.

Whereas, Archbishop Marchetto, Secretary to the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples stated:

“The Apostleship of the Sea hails this new “Convention and Recommendation concerning Work in the Fishing Sector” as a great sign of hope and congratulates the ILO, his social partners, member States and NGO’s for the great level of collaboration showed in drafting and developing this instrument that provides a comprehensive labour protection for fishers.”

Be it resolved the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America will work with national and international organizations, as well as, national and international fishing organizations to bring attention to this groundbreaking convention and recommendation.

Be it further resolved that the ratification of ILO Convention 188 and ILO Recommendation 199 be promoted as part of the legislative agenda of AOS USA, and encourage the Department of Cultural Diversity in the Church of the USCCB to make it one of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ legislative concerns.