

1: International Labour Law - Public International Law - LibGuides at University of Melbourne

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Definition of international law International labour law is one category of international law. International law is the body of legal rules that apply between sovereign states and such other entities as have been granted international personality by sovereign states. Concerning labour law, the most important entity is International Labour Organization. The rules of international law are of a normative character; that is, they prescribe standards of conduct. They distinguish themselves, however, from moral rules by being, at least potentially, designed for authoritative interpretation by an independent judicial authority and by being capable of enforcement by the application of external sanctions. These characteristics make them legal rules. The law-creating processes of international law are the forms in which rules of international law come into existence; i. It is the merit of article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice that this exclusive list of primary law-creating processes has received almost universal consent. International law means public international law as distinct from private international law or the conflict of laws, which deals with the differences between the municipal laws of different countries. International law forms a contrast to national law. While international law applies only between entities that can claim international personality, national law is the internal law of states that regulates the conduct of individuals and other legal entities within their jurisdiction. International law can be universal, regional or bilateral. Although there is some duplication between universal and regional labour law, the practical value of regional law lies mainly in the possibility it offers to establish standards which are more progressive than worldwide standards for dealing with the special problems of the region concerned; to secure greater uniformity of law within a region; or to provide more extensive reciprocal advantages. Bilateral law has a different purpose. Mainly, it determines the conditions of entry and of employment in each contracting country for the nationals of the other. This chapter deals only with universal and regional labour law. The sources - instruments by which states and other subjects of international law, such as certain international organizations - of international law are international agreements. The agreements assume a variety of form and style, but they are all governed by the law of treaties, which is part of customary international law. A treaty, the typical instrument of international relations, is defined by the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties as an "agreement concluded between States in written form and governed by international law, whether embodied in a single instrument or in two or more related instruments and whatever its particular designation". Some multilateral agreements set up an international organization for a specific purpose or a variety of purposes. They may therefore be referred to as constituent agreements. The United Nations Charter is both a multilateral treaty and the constituent agreement of the United Nations. The constitution of an international organization may be part of a wider multilateral treaty. The term supranational is of recent origin and is used to describe the type of treaty structure developed originally by six western European states: A clause in the ECSC treaty provides for the complete independence of the members of the executive organ from the governments that appoint them. Treaties, however, are not the only instruments by which international agreements are concluded. There are single instruments that lack the formality of a treaty called agreed minute, memorandum of agreement, or *modus vivendi*; there are formal single instruments called convention, agreement, protocol, declaration, charter, covenant, pact, statute, final act, general act, and concordat; finally there are less formal agreements consisting of two or more instruments, such as "exchange of notes" or "exchange of letters. Birth of the international labour law The first moves toward international labour conventions date back to the beginning of the 19th century. Robert Owen in England, J. Blanqui and Villerme in France, and Ducepetiaux in Belgium are considered precursors to the idea of international regulation of labour matters. However, David Legrand, an industrialist from Alsace, put forward this idea most systematically, defending it and developing it in repeated appeals addressed to the governments of the main European countries from to In the second half of the 19th century, the idea was first taken up by private associations. Thereafter, a number of proposals to promote

international regulation of labour matters were made in the French and German parliaments. The establishment of an International Association for the Legal Protection of Workers, the seat of which was in Basle, was followed by a congress held in Brussels in 1906. The activity of this private organization led the Swiss government to convene international conferences in and in Bern, where the first two international labour conventions were adopted. One of these related to the prohibition of night work for women in industrial employment, and the other to the prohibition of the use of white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches. During World War I, the trade union organizations of both sides, as well as those of neutral countries, insisted that their voice be heard at the time of the settlement of peace, and that the peace treaties contain clauses for improving the condition of workers. The peace conference entrusted the examination of this question to a special commission known as the Commission on International Labour Legislation. The work of the Commission led to the inclusion in the Treaty of Versailles and the other peace treaties of Part XIII, which dealt with labour matters. This section of the treaties provided for the establishment of an International Labour Organization, which might adopt conventions and recommendations in this field. Conventions would be binding only on those states which ratified them. Since then, the International Labour Conference has met regularly in general once a year, except during the Second World War. This Declaration reaffirmed in particular, that labour is not a commodity, that freedom of expression and of association are essential to sustained progress, that poverty anywhere constitutes a danger to prosperity everywhere and that the war against want requires to be carried on with unrelenting vigour within each nation, and by continuous and concerted international effort in which the representatives of workers and employers, enjoying equal status with those of governments, join them in free discussion and democratic decision with a view to the promotion of the common welfare. The Declaration affirmed that all human beings, irrespective of race, creed or sex, have the right to pursue both their material well-being and their spiritual development in conditions of freedom and dignity, of economic security and equal opportunity. It also referred to the social aspect of economic and financial measures. The Declaration then defined a number of specific objectives of the ILO, such as full employment and the raising of living standards, facilities of training policies in regard to wages, hours of work and other conditions of work calculated to ensure a just share of the fruits of progress to all, the effective recognition of the right of collective bargaining, the co-operation of management and labour in the continuous improvement of productive efficiency, and the collaboration of workers and employer in the preparation and application of social and economic measures, the extension of social security measures to provide a basic income to all in need of such protection, and comprehensive medical care, etc. Apart from the ILO standards, an increasing number of bilateral and regional agreements have been concluded in the field of labour. The general trend of agreements has been the constant broadening of their scope, both as regards the fields covered, the categories of persons protected and the framework within which the matters are treated. Thus a number of these instruments go beyond the traditional field of labour law and touch upon matters of civil liberties and penal law, of property law etc. Competition Various arguments have been advanced over the years in support of international labour law. The argument concerning international competition was used in its most extensive form throughout the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century. The argument was that international agreements in the field of labour would help prevent international competition from taking place to the disadvantage of workers, and would constitute a kind of code of fair competition between employers and between countries. This argument is generally given less prominence today, since it has been realized: However, globalization and especially trade liberalization have again brought up discussions on the relationship of competition to very poor working conditions in developing countries and loss of jobs in developed countries. The discussion is focused mainly on developments in industries where manual labour and low skills dominate production. Rather the idea is simply to place social progress into a relationship with the economic progress expected from the liberalization of trade and globalization. Denying developing countries the advantages relative and transitory, which ensue from these differences would be tantamount to denying them a share in the profits of globalization and, by extension, the possibility of subsequent social development. The Declaration of Singapore, to which I shall refer later in the text, shows that we have come a long way in universally accepting these principles. In the context of international trade, a social clause

essentially refers to a legal provision in a trade agreement aimed at removing the most extreme forms of labour exploitation in exporting countries by allowing importing countries to take trade measures against exporting countries which fail to observe a set of internationally agreed minimum labour standards.

Issues and Challenges

World peace At the end of World War I a new argument appeared, namely that injustice in the social field endangers peace in the world, and that action against such injustice therefore serves the cause of peace. Social peace within countries may also sometimes be related to international peace, inasmuch as internal tensions may have repercussions abroad. Stress has equally been laid on the positive and dynamic concept of peace, involving the establishment of stable, just and harmonious conditions both within individual countries and between different countries. This would be accomplished by eliminating, inter alia, rivalry on world markets arising out of too great a disparity in labour conditions. It has also been claimed that the establishment of international labour standards aimed at improving the condition of mankind develops a common sense of solidarity internationally, and fosters a climate of mutual collaboration and understanding that transcends racial and national differences. Yet progress toward these goals is threatened by many forces. Despite the growth of democratic forms of government, violations of human rights continue in too many countries. The number of armed conflicts currently under way is only slightly less than at the end of the Cold War. Although the threat of nuclear war between the superpowers seems less likely, there is the frightening prospect of nuclear weapons loosely controlled by weak governments.

Social justice The driving force behind the idea of international labour law was the notion of social justice. In the field of labour, the humanitarian concern originally appeared in the face of conditions of great hardship imposed on the workers by industrialization. It was the mainspring of the movement, the first achievement of which was the adoption on both the national and international levels of measures to protect children from conditions of work that had shocked the public conscience. The expression "social justice" itself was introduced in the course of the discussions which took place at the peace conference, when the original Constitution of the ILO was being drafted as part of the Treaty of Versailles. This notion has certainly been the most powerful driving force in the development of international labour law. It has often been stressed that economic growth does not automatically ensure social progress. Nevertheless, there remains a widespread tendency to give economic development precedence over social considerations. It is, therefore, the function of international labour standards to promote balanced economic and social progress.

Consolidation of national labour legislation

Even when the labour legislation or practice of a country has reached a certain level, it may be desirable for the country to ratify a Convention that provides for a standard corresponding to the existing national situation. This is because, even if no substantial change is called for, ratification of the respective Convention could contribute to the consolidation of national labour legislation by acting as a guarantee against backsliding. There have been cases in which the existence of international commitments based on ratified Conventions has prevented governments from adopting retrograde measures they had contemplated, particularly in times of crisis. As a result of the widespread economic, commercial, technological, social and even cultural changes that have taken place in the past two decades, governments have been amending their labour legislation to meet new needs and accommodate new circumstances.

Source of inspiration for national action

In addition to the international commitments to which they may give rise, international labour standards can serve as a general guide and as a source of inspiration to governments by virtue of their authority as texts adopted by an assembly composed of representatives of governments, employers and workers of nearly all countries of the world. They may also for that reason provide a basis for the claims of workers and guide the policy of employers. International labour standards have thus developed into a kind of "international common law". Those in charge of social policies in various countries have often highlighted this role of international labour law. While the Constitution of the ILO mainly contains provisions relating to the functioning of the Organization, it also lays down a number of general principles which have come to be regarded in certain respects as a direct source of law. Such principles are contained in the Preamble of the Constitution and in the Declaration concerning the Aims and Purposes of the Organization, adopted by the Conference in Philadelphia in 1919 and incorporated in the ILO Constitution in 1946.

Specific features of Conventions

Conventions are instruments designed to create international obligations for the states which ratify them. In addition to its Conventions, the

ILO has adopted a number of Recommendations, which are different from the point of view of their legal character. Recommendations do not create obligations, but rather provide guidelines for action. Conventions have a number of specific features, which can be grouped under four main ideas: Conventions are adopted within an institutional framework. Thus, the adoption of Conventions does not follow the type of diplomatic negotiation which is usual in the case of treaties. They are rather prepared in discussions in an assembly that has many points in common with parliamentary assemblies. This also partly explains the fact that unanimity is not necessary for the adoption of Conventions. For the same reason, only the International Court of Justice can interpret the Conventions. The revision of Conventions is made only by the General Conference, which is the legislative body of the Organization. See overview of supervisory system The International Labour Conference, which adopts Conventions, is constituted by representatives of governments, employers and workers, each delegate being entitled to vote individually. A two-thirds majority is sufficient for the adoption of a Convention, and governments should submit the Convention to their competent authorities for ratification, i. Also, the governments have the obligation, when requested, to supply reports on various issues related to Conventions.

2: Oxford Public International Law: International Labour Organization (ILO)

International labour law is the body of rules spanning public and private international law which concern the rights and duties of employees, employers, trade unions and governments in regulating the workplace.

Following World War I, the Treaty of Versailles contained the first constitution of a new International Labour Organization founded on the principle that "labour is not a commodity", and for the reason that "peace can be established only if it is based upon social justice". Members of the ILO can voluntarily adopt and ratify the conventions by enacting the rules in their domestic law. For instance, the first Hours of Work Industry Convention, requires a maximum of a hour week, and has been ratified by 52 out of member states. The UK ultimately refused to ratify the Convention, as did many current EU members states, although the Working Time Directive adopts its principles, subject to the individual opt-out. Together these require freedom to join a union, bargain collectively and take action Conventions Nos 87 and 98 abolition of forced labour 29 and abolition labour by children before the end of compulsory school and and no discrimination at work Nos and Compliance with the core Conventions is obligatory from the fact of membership, even if the country has not ratified the Convention in question. Global reports on core standards are produced yearly, while individual reports on countries who have ratified other Conventions are compiled on a bi-annual or perhaps less frequent basis. The ILO, by its existence, is the recognised international vehicle for raising international labour standards issues in a worldwide forum. This organisation establishes labour standards by means of both conventions and recommendations and has a tripartite governing structure " representing government, employers and workers. These represent benchmarks of strong labour standards towards which countries can strive by promulgating and enforcing national laws that comply with the conventions. The Declaration claims these rights to be universal, applying to all people in all States " regardless of level of economic development. Alongside the fundamental conventions, the ILO has also identified four priority conventions or governance conventions. Crucial to the running of the international labour standards systems implemented by the ILO, the ILO recommends that member states ratify the following priority conventions: These concerns gather around the idea that the race to expand exports or attract foreign investment can cause competition on the basis of labour costs, leading to a decline in international labour standards as governments either dismantle national laws that protect workers or weaken the enforcement of these laws. Other issues involve enforcement of these standards following ratification. The ILO provides a vehicle for investigating cases of noncompliance through representations, filed by employer or worker organisations, or complaints, lodged by another member that also ratified the convention. This is followed by either acceptance of recommendations on steps the government may take to address the complaint or the request to submit the case to the International Court of Justice. Failure to comply may result in an incurred sanction from the organization. Peace Palace, the headquarters for the International Court of Justice Overall, the ILO structure essentially created a system of voluntary compliance with labor standards based on ratification of the established conventions. In general the enforcement system of representation and complaints has been successful " success being measured by the fact that only one representation or complaint has reached the most severe sanction. World Trade Organization[edit] Main article: Labour standards in the World Trade Organization As one of the only international organisations with real enforcement power through trade sanctions, the WTO has been the target for calls by labour lawyers to incorporate global standards of the International Labour Organization. The WTO oversees, primarily, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is a treaty aimed at reducing customs, tariffs and other barriers to free import and export of goods, services and capital between its member countries. Unlike for the ILO, if the WTO rules on trade are contravened, member states who secure a judgment by the Dispute Settlement procedures effective a judicial process may retaliate through trade sanctions. Proponents of an integrated approach have called for a " social clause " to be inserted into the GATT agreements, for example by amending article XX, which gives an exception to the general trade barrier reduction rules allowing imposition of sanctions for breaches of human rights. An explicit reference to core labour standards could allow action where a WTO member state is found to be in breach of ILO standards.

Furthermore, it was argued in the Singapore Ministerial Declaration that "the comparative advantage of countries, particularly low-age developing countries, must in no way be put into question. Similarly it is disputed that business will relocate production to low wage countries from higher wage countries such as the UK, because that choice depends mostly on productivity of workers. The view of many labour lawyers and economists remains that more trade, in the context of weaker bargaining power and mobility for workers, still allows for business to opportunistically take advantage of workers by moving production, and that a coordinated multilateral approach with targeted measures against specific exports is preferable. Conflict of laws While the debate over labour standards applied by the ILO and the WTO seeks to balance standards with free movement of capital globally, conflicts of laws or private international law issues arise where workers move from home to go abroad. If a worker from America performs part of her job in Brazil, China and Denmark a "peripatetic" worker or if a worker is engaged in Ecuador to work as an expatriate abroad in France, an employer may seek to characterise the contract of employment as being governed by the law of the country where labour rights are least favourable to the worker, or seek to argue that the most favourable system of labour rights does not apply. He was dismissed by a supervisor based in Egypt. He was told he would be hired under UK law terms and conditions, and this was arranged by a staffing department in Aberdeen. Under the UK Employment Rights Act he would have a right to unfair dismissal, but the Act left open what the territorial scope of the statute was. The UK Supreme Court held that the principle would be that for an expatriate worker, although the general rule is that they will not have UK labour law rights, there would be an exception if the worker could show a "close connection" to the UK, and this was established through the contractual assurances given to Mr Rabat. Under the EU Rome I Regulation article 8, [33] workers will have employment rights of the country where they habitually work. But exceptionally they may have a claim in another country if they can establish a close connection to it. The Regulation emphasises that the rules should be applied with the purpose of protecting the worker. Under the Brussels I Regulation article 19, [35] this requires the worker habitually works in the place where the claim is brought, or is engaged there. European Union law[edit] Main articles: EU law , European labour law , and Directive on services in the internal market The European Community EC is a multigovernmental legislative structure that, through the Treaty of European Union Maastricht in , the Treaty of Amsterdam in , and various other agreements has promoted full economic integration of its member states. However, some restrictions regarding health and safety have been adopted by the EC in an attempt to mitigate any inhumane practices, involving low health and safety standards, used for the sake of a competitive advantage. A series of Directives regulate almost all other issues, for instance the Working Time Directive guarantees 28 days of paid holiday, the Equality Framework Directive prohibits all forms of discrimination for people performing work, and the Collective Redundancies Directive requires that proper notice is given and consultation takes place before any decisions about economic dismissals are finalised. However, the European Court of Justice has recently expanded upon the Treaties through its case law. As well as having legal protection for workers rights, an objective of trade unions has been to organise their members across borders in the same way that multinational corporations have organised their production globally. In order to meet the balance of power that comes from ability of businesses to dismiss workers or relocate, unions have sought to take collective action and strikes internationally. However, this kind of coordination was recently challenged in the European Union in two controversial decisions. The local Swedish Union took industrial action to make Laval Ltd sign up to the local collective agreement. Under the Posted Workers Directive , article 3 lays down minimum standards for workers being posted away from home so that workers always receive at least the minimum rights that they would have at home in case their place of work has lower minimum rights. Article 3 7 goes on to say that this "shall not prevent application of terms and conditions of employment which are more favourable to workers". Most people thought this meant that more favourable conditions could be given than the minimum e. This decision was implicitly reversed by the European Union legislature in the Rome I Regulation , which makes clear in recital 34 that the host state may allow more favourable standards. For those members within the EC who favour the implementation of labour standards, there has been a push to ease the decision-making barriers to social legislation. However, despite these difficulties and a complex decision-making structure designed to

include consultation with the governments of all member states, the various EC policy-making institutions and the related parties have succeeded in creating cross-national legislation for labour standards under its social policy umbrella. When monitoring international labor standards, agencies rely on three major types of information: Finally after compliance analysis, recommendations and required adjustments are then communicated to the concerned party. These data points are used to determine whether or not member states are meeting the requirements of international treaties agreed to by the United Nations. Given that the ILO is a subset of the UN, generally, more detailed labour standards data and compliance records are located within the realm of the ILO. National agencies and NGOs also monitor international labour standards. National agencies generally report on domestic compliance of international labour standards while NGOs are much more diverse in their scope. The ILO and other international organisations generally rely on self-reporting data from countries. For example, definitions of what constitutes unemployment vary from country to country making it difficult to compare data and to judge data quality. Coverage is greatest in the urban environments and the formal sector. Conversely, gaps exist in the coverage of rural environments and informal sectors which can positively skew the labour statistics that countries report.

3: International Labour Law

Labour law The adoption of labour laws and regulations is an important means of implementing ILO standards, promoting the ILO Declaration and the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and putting the concept of Decent Work into practice.

ILO organization chart bottom-right , as a League of Nations agency during the interwar. The core members all knew one another from earlier private professional and ideological networks, in which they exchanged knowledge, experiences, and ideas on social policy. Prewar " epistemic communities ", such as the International Association for Labour Legislation IALL , founded in , and political networks, such as the socialist Second International , were a decisive factor in the institutionalization of international labour politics. As a new discipline, international labour law became a useful instrument for putting social reforms into practice. In Great Britain, the Whitley Commission , a subcommittee of the Reconstruction Commission, recommended in its July Final Report that "industrial councils" be established throughout the world. The Bern meeting would consider both the future of the IFTU and the various proposals which had been made in the previous few years. Despite the American boycott, the Bern meeting went ahead as scheduled. In its final report, the Bern Conference demanded an end to wage labour and the establishment of socialism. If these ends could not be immediately achieved, then an international body attached to the League of Nations should enact and enforce legislation to protect workers and trade unions. The advisory Commission on International Labour Legislation was established by the Peace Conference to draft these proposals. The Commission met for the first time on 1 February , and Gompers was elected chairman. The British proposed establishing an international parliament to enact labour laws which each member of the League would be required to implement. Each nation would have two delegates to the parliament, one each from labour and management. Philosophically opposed to the concept of an international parliament and convinced that international standards would lower the few protections achieved in the United States, Gompers proposed that the international labour body be authorized only to make recommendations, and that enforcement be left up to the League of Nations. Despite vigorous opposition from the British, the American proposal was adopted. The Americans made 10 proposals. Three were adopted without change: That labour should not be treated as a commodity; that all workers had the right to a wage sufficient to live on; and that women should receive equal pay for equal work. A proposal protecting the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and association was amended to include only freedom of association. A proposed ban on the international shipment of goods made by children under the age of 16 was amended to ban goods made by children under the age of A proposal to require an eight-hour work day was amended to require the eight-hour work day or the hour work week an exception was made for countries where productivity was low. Four other American proposals were rejected. Meanwhile, international delegates proposed three additional clauses, which were adopted: One or more days for weekly rest; equality of laws for foreign workers; and regular and frequent inspection of factory conditions. Following the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the U. On 19 June , the U. Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the president to join ILO without joining the League of Nations as a whole. On 20 August , the U. Winant made the decision to leave Geneva. Forty staff members were transferred to the temporary offices and continued to work from McGill until However, the funds were eventually paid. Representatives of the United States and Israel walked out of the meeting. House of Representatives subsequently decided to withhold funds. The United States gave notice of full withdrawal on 6 November , stating that the organization had become politicized. The United States also suggested that representation from communist countries was not truly " tripartite " "including government, workers, and employers" because of the structure of these economies. The withdrawal became effective on 1 November Economist Guy Standing wrote "the ILO quietly ceased to be an international body attempting to redress structural inequality and became one promoting employment equity". The Government had suspended the activities of the union and had detained many of its leaders and members when martial law was declared in Poland in Labour statistics[edit] The ILO is a major provider of labour statistics. Labour statistics are an important tool for its

member states to monitor their progress toward improving labour standards. As part of their statistical work, ILO maintains several databases. KILM covers 20 main indicators on labour participation rates, employment, unemployment, educational attainment, labour cost, and economic performance. Many of these indicators have been prepared by other organizations. Bureau of Labor Statistics prepares the hourly compensation in manufacturing indicator. The December updated edition of the report listed a total of 74 countries and goods. For instance, the ITCILO offers a Master of Laws programme in management of development, which aims specialize professionals in the field of cooperation and development. Child labour refers to work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children. Further, it can involve interfering with their schooling by depriving them of the opportunity to attend school, obliging them to leave school prematurely, or requiring them to attempt to combine school attendance with excessively long and heavy work. In its most extreme forms, child labour involves children being enslaved, separated from their families, exposed to serious hazards and illnesses and left to fend for themselves on the streets of large cities – often at a very early age. The answer varies from country to country, as well as among sectors within countries. It is the largest programme of its kind globally and the biggest single operational programme of the ILO. In many indigenous communities, parents believe children learn important life lessons through the act of work and through the participation in daily life. Working is seen as a learning process preparing children of the future tasks they will eventually have to do as an adult. While these attitudes toward child work remain, many children and parents from indigenous communities still highly value education.

4: International Labor Legislation

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While international trade has the potential to create decent jobs and alleviate poverty, too often U. In the three decades since this victory, ILRF has been a leader in the strategic use of non-judicial complaint mechanisms to challenge labor rights abuses committed by both governments and corporations. In evaluating potential complaints, ILRF prioritizes cases that involve systematic abuses of core labor rights and have the clear support of worker organizations and civil society in the affected countries. The GSP complaint mechanism allows any group or individual to file petitions with the U. Trade Representative USTR to initiate a review into the labor practices of any participating country. A committee composed of U. Every year the Uzbek government forces over a million citizens to harvest cotton that ends up in brand-name retail and apparel supply chains. Despite these advances, ILRF has recommended keeping the petition open until the government can show tangible progress, including an increased number of prosecutions and convictions under its anti-trafficking and anti-slavery laws. Section of the Tariff Act of 19 U. Customs and Border Protection CBP is obligated to detain merchandise at the port of entry that it reasonably believes is the product of forced labor. Written in , the Tariff Act contains many loopholes and is badly in need of reform to make it a more effective tool in the fight against the trade in goods made with forced labor. When enforced by U. Customs, the Tariff Act can be a powerful incentive for corporations at home and abroad to clean up their supply chains and end the use of forced labor. The petition called on U. Customs to issue an immediate detention order on all pending and future imports of cotton goods manufactured by Daewoo International Corporation, Indorama Corporation, and other companies processing cotton in Uzbekistan, which were exporting hundreds of tons cotton yarn and fabric to the U. After no action was taken by the Bush Administration, ILRF filed lawsuits against seeking to compel enforcement, but they were dismissed due a finding that domestic cocoa production was insufficient to meet internal U. Forced child labor in the West African cocoa industry remains a serious concern. The latest FTAs require both the U. Despite these advances, higher standards on paper have yet to translate into meaningful results for workers denied their fundamental labor rights. To date, none of the complaints filed under the labor chapters of U. FTAs have resulted in fines, withdrawal of benefits, or any other meaningful sanctions. The failure of current FTA to deliver for workers owes mainly to the weakness of the dispute settlement mechanism, which gives the U. Despite these challenges, ILRF remains committed to utilizing the FTA complaint mechanisms to both highlight their weaknesses and spotlight the failure of some of our trade partners to provide workers with their fundamental labor rights. Challenging the abuse of short-term contracts in Peru: Department of Labor alleging that the Government of Peru is failing to comply with the labor standards contained in the U. The complaint alleges that the Government of Peru is failing to enforce basic labor laws in its garment, textile, and agricultural export sectors, which together employ hundreds of thousands of workers who produce billions of dollars of goods for the U. The special export law exempts employers from key parts of the general labor code by allowing them to hire virtually their entire workforce for an unlimited duration on a series of renewable, temporary contracts, some as short as 15 days. Garment and textile employers have taken advantage of the special law by systematically declining to renew the contracts of thousands of workers who joined unions in an effort to improve wages and working conditions. Major Peruvian companies in these export sectors violate Peruvian labor laws with virtual impunity, dismissing workers for union activity, employing workers on fraudulent contracts, and failing to pay legally mandated bonuses. Even in cases where labor inspectors have found violations, fines are too low to deter employer misconduct and often go unpaid. In order to come into compliance with its obligations under the PTPA, the Government of Peru must repeal several key articles of the Non-Traditional Export Promotion Law, repeal or modify the Agricultural Sector Promotion Law, and strengthen oversight of employer use of temporary contracts.

5: International Labour Organization - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

International labour law is the body of international legal norms which regulates issues concerning work. International labour law covers both the substantive rules of law established at the international level and the procedural rules relating to their adoption and implementation at the national level.

The process of industrialization had brought about miserable living conditions for the working class, such as child labour, excessively long hours of work, and unhealthy working conditions. This need for regulation led to a movement towards the enactment of labour laws, an idea in particular advanced by Robert Owen in England and Daniel Legrand in France. The Berlin Conference adopted resolutions on minimum social standards, eg on the work in mines, weekly rest, and the work of children, the young, and women. However, these resolutions were not followed up. In , the International Association for the Legal Protection of Workers was founded as a private organization with an office in Basle by a group of scholars and administrators to compile and assess national labour legislations. It was not until the peace negotiations that the establishment of social standards regained considerable importance. Three concepts of an international body were discussed: The preamble highlights the interrelation of peace between States and peace in the labour markets, and it solemnly declares that universal and lasting peace can be established only if based upon social justice, and that the failure of any nation to adopt humane conditions of labour was an obstacle for other nations which desired to improve conditions in their own countries. Notwithstanding a series of substantive principles enshrined in the ILO Constitution, its core achievement can certainly be seen in the establishment of a machinery through which labour standards might be adopted on the international level. In the successive years, many conventions and recommendations were adopted in the field of labour law see also International Law, Development through International Organizations, Policies and Practice. This stage was followed by a first period of tension with the Great Depression, the world economic crisis and the looming war. The post-war period was shaped by a large increase of membership consequent upon the attainment of independence by former colonial territories. The ILO considerably extended its activity, including large-scale technical cooperation programmes supplementing the standard-setting, research, and information work. Basic Features and Special Legal Problems 1. The ILO Constitution committed itself to the improvement of labour conditions including an overall spectrum of social policy such as the regulation of the working hours, the protection of children, young persons, and women, and the recognition of the freedom of association Association, Freedom of, International Protection. The Declaration of Philadelphia broadened this enumeration considerably, referring to full employment Work, Right to, International Protection , to policies with regard to wages and earnings, and to adequate protection for the life and health of workers. Altogether, the ILO endeavours to promote a harmonious balance between social progress and economic development. UN Member States can accede by formally declaring that they accept the obligations under the ILO Constitution; other States can accede likewise, on condition that the General Conference approves the accession with a two-thirds majority. The expenses of the ILO are borne by the Member States, the budget being voted by the Conference by a two-thirds majority and approved by a committee of government representatives Art. Withdrawal from the ILO is possible two years after giving notice of that intention; this does not, however, affect the continued validity of ILO conventions that were ratified before. Tripartism is a substantial principle as well, in that the ILO attempts to encourage tripartism within the Member States by promoting a social dialogue which involves labour unions and employers in the formulation and implementation of national social policy. In the history of the ILO, tripartism has caused problems time and again, as it makes decision-making less rapid and effective. Nonetheless, the benefits of tripartism are virtually uncontested, as it vests ILO standards with an exceptional authority and higher democratic legitimacy International Organizations or Institutions, Democratic Legitimacy. In addition, there are Regional Advisory Committees, Regional Conferences, and Industrial Committees dealing with labour problems in particular sectors. The Administrative Tribunal of the ILO, the successor of the Administrative Tribunal of the League of Nations, hears complaints from serving and former officials of the International Labour Office and of other international organizations that have recognized its

jurisdiction Judgments of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization [Advisory Opinion]. Two government delegates, an employer delegate, and a worker delegate represent each Member State. The General Conference decides by simple majority; further provisions regarding the voting procedure and other questions are embodied in the Rules for the Conference. The General Conference meets in Geneva every year in June. It takes general decisions on ILO policy and drafts its agenda, the Conference programme and the budget. The Governing Body also reports to the Conference on its activities, appoints the Director-General and supervises the work of the International Labour Office. It is composed of 28 government members, 14 employer members, and 14 worker members. The Governing Body meets three times a year in Geneva. The Director-General, appointed for a five-year renewable term by the Governing Body, is responsible for the efficient conduct of the International Labour Office. Since , this position has been occupied by Guy Ryder of the United Kingdom. In framing any convention or recommendation, the Conference is requested to have due regard to those countries in which imperfect development or other special circumstances make the industrial conditions substantially different Art. Conventions and recommendations only establish minimum standards and do not affect any domestic legal provision which ensures more favourable working conditions Art. ILO conventions are of course no genuine supranational acts Supranational Law , as Member States are bound by conventions only in case of ratification, and ratification is not compulsory Art. In case of ratification, ILO conventions have the same impact for Member States as treaties have under international law: Depending on the domestic status of ILO conventions and, foremost, on the wording of the respective norm, ie whether a provision is self-executing, ILO conventions may be relied upon in national courts cf especially Leary 77â€™95; see also Treaties, Direct Applicability. In fact, ILO standards are frequently formulated as programmatic norms, putting an obligation upon governments to pursue a certain policy, without granting individual parties the right to invoke the provision in court. Apart from all intricate implications of the notion of soft law , ILO conventions tend to be more than this even before ratification, in that they entail hard legal obligations for non-ratifying Member States, at the very least a periodical duty to report to the Office the position of its law and practice in regard to the matters dealt with in the convention Art. In addition, Member States can decide freely if they ratify an ILO convention, but have little influence on the text: ILO recommendations are not subject to ratification by the Member States; they do not have binding force under international law, but they aim at providing guidance to legislation and policy, and entail certain general obligations for the Member States. Recommendations have to be brought before the competent authorities, and the States are under a reporting obligation. In practice, recommendations have often been adopted at the same time as conventions to supplement and shape the latter with more detailed provisions. Whereas in the early years, ILO conventions met certain clearly defined but limited demands of workers, they subsequently began to deal with entire fields of social policy. Thereby, the relatively precise original standard-setting activity was partly replaced by more promotional conventions requiring large-scale implementation programmes. Today, ILO standards range from basic issues to procedural and substantive labour standards and cover such varied issues as freedom of association, elimination of forced labour and child labour, equality of opportunity and treatment, tripartite consultation, labour administration, employment policy and promotion, working time and wages, social security, migrant workers , and indigenous peoples. So far, conventions and recommendations have been adopted by the General Conference. Currently, the ILO conducts more than technical cooperation programmes in over 80 countries. The overall purpose of the technical cooperation is to promote the ILO agenda especially in less developed States. In addition, the ILO acts as a clearing-house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding labour law and social issues. Additionally, Member States have to present the state of domestic law and practice and possible steps of implementation with regard to non-ratified conventions and recommendations. However, the ILO Constitution remains silent as to the supervisory procedure. The Committee can resort to observations and direct requests. By means of direct requests, the Committee addresses itself directly to governments in the case of problems of minor importance or for further enquiry. The Committee of Experts is composed of 20 eminent jurists appointed by the Governing Body for three-year terms.

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