



# Global Strategies to improve adherence to core labor rights



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## Assessing strategies

- What is the goal?
- Who are the interested parties?
- What are the strategies?
- How are interested parties affected?
- Is the goal achieved?



# The Goal

- Improve global adherence to core labor standards
- Cease exploitative child labor



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# Standard strategies for global change

- 1. Sanctions
- 2. Consensual Political change
- 3. Independent provision of incentives

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## Global options

- 1. Apply trade sanctions
- 2. Apply other sanctions
- 3. *Mount political pressure*
- 4. *Establish new international rules*
- 5. Provide incentives
- 6. Work bilaterally to change conditions

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## The interests

- Australian labour movement
- Developing country labour movements
- Economic welfare in developing countries
- Economic welfare of Australia
- Global economic welfare

# Impact of trade sanctions

Interest	Positive	Negative
ALM	Reduces import pressure	
DC LM	Improves labor conditions	Reduces job growth in export industries
DC Econ		Slower growth
Aust Econ		Fewer exports Trade payback
Global Econ		Slower growth Weakens WTO

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# Impact of political sanctions

Interest	Positive	Negative
ALM	Reduces import pressure	Creates risk of retaliation
DC LM	Improves labor conditions	
DC Econ		Slower growth
Aust Econ		Slower growth
Global Econ		Slower growth



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# Impact - promote political change

Interest	Positive	Negative
ALM		
DC LM	<b>Encourage higher Domestic stands</b>	<b>Slow process</b>
DC Econ	<b>Improve domestic environment</b>	<b>Slow process</b>
Aust Econ		
Global Econ		

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## Impact - develop new international rules

Interest	Positive	Negative
ALM	Reduces import pressure	Slow to realize
DC LM	Raise domestic standards	Slow to realize
DC Econ	More productive workplaces?	Slower growth?
Aust Econ		
Global Econ		

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## Impact - incentives/aid programs

Interest	Positive	Negative
ALM		
DC LM	<b>Raise domestic standards</b>	
DC Econ	<b>Better industrial environment?</b>	<b>Slower growth?</b>
Aust Econ		<b>Expensive</b>
Global Econ		

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# Comparing strategies

Strategy	Practicability	Effectiveness
Trade sanctions	Low	High
Political sanctions	Low	Low
Political pressure	High	Medium
New international rules	Medium	High
Provide incentives	Medium	Medium
Provide aid	High	High

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## General conclusions

- There is no readily effective or practicable strategy
- There is a trade off between speed and acceptability.