

Second National Plan for the Eradication of Slave Labour (2008)



| Name of Resource | Second National Plan for the Eradication of Slave Labour (2008) |
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| Type | Policy |
| Country / jurisdiction | Brazil |
| Enacting authority | National Committee for Eradication of Slave Labour, Special Secretariat for Human Rights |
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| Description | <p>While the First Plan emphasized the institutional coordination essential to those actions taken to combat slave labour up until 2008, the second National Plan focuses on specific actions, first and foremost with regard to the effective eradication of the practice. Economic pressure on employers using slave labour is therefore one of the document's main objectives. It highlights the need to restrict access to credit for those employers included on the 'dirty list', and that this must involve both public financial institutions and private ones. On the subject of economic sanctions, the Second Plan stresses the need to prohibit such employers from participating in the public sector.</p> <p>The 66 actions set out in the Second Action Plan are based on the demands of civil society, and should: lead to prevention measures and reinsertion of workers; emphasize matters related to land reform and coordination of government actions in the fight against slave labour by extending social policies such as income transfer programmes to freed workers; and highlight the need to involve the business sector in addressing the problem.</p> <p>The Plan also grants the Mobile Inspection Unit a broader field of action, in that a complaint will no longer be needed before it can inspect a farm in areas with high incidence of forced labour. Several of the Plan's measures aim to eradicate the illegal recruitment of workers, most notably by the establishment of local employment agencies in the areas from which forced labourers are recruited.</p> |
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