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# OSH in trade – tentative recommendations

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# Impact of FTAs on OSH – Overview of challenges

**Growth of hazardous industries**  
(poor quantitative data)

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OSH commitments**  
(e.g.: Africa, Turkey, upcoming  
China)

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commitments**  
(labour standards often not a  
priority for TSD Committees)

**No enforcement**  
(no or limited dispute settlement)

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approximation of OSH laws**  
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# Tentative recommendations

**□ Develop better intelligence**

⇒ Quantitative data

⇒ Qualitative interviews

**□ Broader discussions on upgrading of Global South in GVC**

⇒ Industrial policies

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❑ **Obligation to ratify ILO Core Conventions as a pre-condition**

⇒ Resistance from partner countries?

❑ **Additional norm setting to address significant most dangerous industries**

⇒ Non core ILO Conventions

⇒ ISO standards (with appropriate caution)

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- ❑ **Leverage the CSDDD**

- ⇒ Obligation on EU multinationals
- ⇒ As a precondition to foreign investment
- ⇒ Ex of concrete measures: Bangladesh Accord

- ❑ **A role for the European Labour Authority (joint inspections)**

- ⇒ Increased budget for national systems

- ❑ **Improved functioning of TSD committees**

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❑ **A Rapid Response Mechanism**

⇒ Ex USMCA

❑ **Sanctions on offending company/ investor**

⇒ Suspension of tariff benefits for goods produced at the company

⇒ HRDD sanctions

❑ **Cooperation and capacity building mechanisms must be upheld**

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# Prioritising review of FTAs with poor OSH protection and under review

## Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

⇒ No OSH provision

## EU-Mexico Global Agreement

⇒ Low priority to labour rights

## Eastern and Southern Africa Interim and Economic Partnership Agreement

⇒ No TSD

⇒ Cooperation on OSH in mining only

## EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

⇒ No TSD

# Thank you!

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