

CONCLUSION

The main point of this study is that Canadian values and interests, as well as evolving domestic and international policy thinking, suggest the need to clearly articulate a "coherence agenda" encompassing core labour rights. This involves putting aside most traditional and "negative" arguments for international standards (unfair competition, race to the bottom, etc) and focussing upon the positive case for labour rights. While some concrete suggestions have been put forward about how best to advance the "coherence agenda" these are probably best thought of for the time being as examples of where pursuit of the "coherence agenda" will lead. Thus this study does not provide a complete map for the policy future - but it does provide the compass required to negotiate that future.