

say more below about problems where the issue is not capacity, but rather political will.)

Another lesson from our review of the core labour rights agenda is that unilateralism is likely to be very unhelpful in this area. Unilateralism cannot be of assistance in addressing the political collective action problem we have identified regarding lowering of standards in developed countries. Nor can it often usefully be deployed in any attempts to correct labour rights abuses elsewhere. Moreover, unilateralism fuels allegations of hypocrisy and, perhaps most importantly, is corrosive of the rules-based international trade and economic order.