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INTRODUCTION. The social clause is a concept that has been developed in the context of international trade negotiations, particularly at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It refers to a set of principles and rules that aim to promote social and environmental standards in international trade.

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participating in the process of economic integration. The concept of a social clause is often used to describe a set of measures designed to protect workers' rights and promote sustainable development.

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