

d) ENFORCEMENT MEASURES²⁵

1. Intergovernmental cooperation is essential in realizing the objectives of the Social Clause. Each Party should exchange information on the measures it has taken to give effect to this Social Clause and on their experience with this Clause. Parties should consult on a bilateral or multilateral basis, as appropriate, on matters relating to this Social Clause and its application, and with respect to the development of international agreements and arrangements on issues related to this Clause.

2. Parties should publicize and disseminate the Social Clause to their business communities. They should take into account the provisions of this Clause, when introducing, implementing and reviewing laws, regulations and administrative practices on matters dealt in this Clause.

3. Each Party will write, every two years, a report (a Labor Information Audit) on the measures taken for applying the various provisions of this Social Clause. Each Party will have to inquire about the various ways by which business corporations doing business with other partners in the Americas have applied the values and principles established in the Social Clause.

4. A **Committee of Experts**, composed of twenty independent, eminent figures in applied ethics, law, sociology or any other relevant field of research, will analyse the reports, submitted by the Parties. The Committee will send its report to a **Joint OAS-ILO Committee for Labor Rights and Social Development**.

5. The OAS-ILO Committee will publish a general report, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee of Experts.

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Such enforcement measures come from the application, mutatis mutandis, to the Social Clause, of suggestions made by the Economic Policy Institute, the Institute for Policy Studies, the International Rights Fund, the Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, the Sierra Club and the US Business and Industrial Council Educational Foundation, in their joint report about NAFTA (1997).