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Legislative Approaches to Fighting Forced Labour in Supply Chains

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In 2019, the Canadian government undertook a series of consultations to stop the use of forced labour and child labour in multinational supply chains. The fight against forced and indentured labour and the end of child labour are two of the International Labour Organisation's four core labour rights. This presentation focuses on the Canadian Government's initiative, particularly in comparison with similar initiatives elsewhere.



Dr. Benedict Wray's practice focuses on international and commercial litigation and risk advisory work. He has particular experience in Business and Human Rights, international law, and international investment arbitration. He is dual qualified in the United Kingdom and Canada and also has a detailed working knowledge of the legal systems of France and the United States.



In addition to his practical qualifications, Dr. Wray holds a doctorate which focused on global issues around business and Human Rights and transnational corporate liability. He advises on corporate social responsibility and Human Rights due diligence issues, and his dispute resolution work includes complex multi-jurisdictional Human Rights claims. He has also participated in high-level meetings and government consultations on the proposed Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) and legislation around modern slavery and supply chain issues.

Dr. Wray's experience includes advising government actors on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles, and participation in an EU working group which examined issues around conflict areas and supply chain issues. He also advises clients on Human Rights and sanctions regimes, and he was part of the global team which produced the firm's report Making sense of managing Human Rights issues in supply chains, published in 2018.

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