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Rebalancing Trade with Global Norms

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Definitions:

- **Trade**
- **Human rights**
- **Conflicts**



Conflicts:

- **Trade (global competition)**
- **Trade rules (legal)**
- **Trade policy and processes**



Policy Issues:

→ **Process**

- transparency and participation
- prior assessment of likely impacts

→ **Policy Space**



Information and Participation:

- **Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Article 13

...freedom to seek, receive and impart information

- **Int'l Cvt on Civil and Political Rights**
Article 25

...to take part in the conduct of public affairs



See also:

Study of the UN High
Commissioner for Human
Rights on participation and its
application in the context of
globalization,
E/CN.4/2005/41, 2004



Impact assessment:

- **Obligation to have a programme in place** (See CESCR General Comments)
- **Obligation to monitor** (See CESCR GCs)
- States should **undertake assessments** of the potential impact of global trade policies (CRC recommendation)
- HR requires **disaggregated data** (CEDAW)



Policy Space:

Intellectual Property – Access to Medicines – Right to Health:

An example of using UN mechanisms to reclaim policy space



- UN Human Rights treaty
- supervisory bodies
 - country briefings
 - - concluding observations

UN HR Commission Special
Rapporteur on the Right to
Health (EFTA – Thailand FTA)

- individual complaints → urgent appeals



3D 's objectives are :

- To strengthen the capacity of human rights advocates to raise their concerns with trade decision-makers
- To encourage the use of human rights mechanisms and rules in support of efforts to promote an equitable economy
- To promote collaborative efforts between people working to promote an equitable economy
- To ensure accountability of all economic actors.

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