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TDA Report: The Department of Labor's annual *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor* was mandated by the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA). ILAB has published this report each year since 2002. The TDA requires that countries fulfill commitments to eliminate the worst forms of child labor to be eligible for certain U.S. trade preference programs. The report focuses on the efforts of certain U.S. trade beneficiary countries to implement these commitments through their legislation, enforcement efforts, policies, and social programs. In addition, the report presents findings on the prevalence and sectoral distribution of the worst forms of child labor in each country.

- The 2009 TDA report provides information to the public on the worst forms of child labor in 144 countries and territories.
- In 2009, the report focuses exclusively on the worst forms of child labor to realign the report with the mandate in the TDA. In previous reports, the Department provided an overview of children's work in each country that may have included cases that did not clearly constitute the worst forms of child labor.
- The 2009 TDA report for the first time highlights findings related to gaps in government efforts and includes country-specific suggestions for government action.
- By providing more analysis and specific suggestions for action, the redesigned report provides Congress and Executive Branch agencies with useful information to consider when making labor and trade policy.
- At the same time, the TDA report illustrates good practices and significant efforts many governments are making to address the worst forms of child labor.
- The TDA report will be an important resource for ILAB to assess future technical assistance and research priorities as it seeks to combat child labor around the world.
- The report and Frequently Asked Questions are available on DOL's web site at: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/iclp/main.htm>.