

In April 2011, the United States and Colombia agreed to implement a [Labor Action Plan](#) as part of the Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA). [Section VII of the Labor Action Plan](#) stipulates that the Colombian government will work to increase full protection of labor rights and compliance with ILO core labor standards. Under this section, the Colombian government agreed to seek the cooperation, advice, and technical assistance of the ILO to help in the implementation of the measures related to labor rights outlined in the Plan.

Comment [11]: Hyperlink to the action plan

Since 2012, with funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, the ILO is providing technical cooperation to the Government of Colombia to: (i) Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Labor (MOL), especially the labor inspection, to effectively enforce Colombian labor laws and guarantee fundamental rights at work, particularly freedom of association and collective bargaining and conflict resolution, in accordance with international labor standards; (ii) Strengthen existing social dialogue institutions, particularly at the Departmental and local level; and (iii) Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Colombian government to enhance protection measures for trade union leaders, members, activists and organizers and to combat impunity for perpetrators of violence against them.

The ILO is actively working in a tripartite process to achieve these objectives.