

Brazil Reaches Out to Companies to End Slave Labor

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To eliminate workers exploitation is the objective of the National Pact for the Eradication of Slave Labor, launched yesterday, in Brazil, by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Ethos Institute of Social Responsibility.

Representatives of the civil society, government, and entrepreneurs signed the Pact.

According to the President of the Ethos Institute, Oded Grajew, because of the Pact several companies are already contributing for the reduction in the number of workers in conditions similar to that of slaves. These companies reject suppliers whose better prices are related to labor exploitation.

The site of the Ministry of Labor and Employment has a list of the companies, which at any step of their productive chain use slave labor. The list includes businesses that do not use slave labor but purchase products from companies that do.

For example, a supermarket that sells products from a farm that keeps workers subject to conditions that resemble slavery.

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