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Violations of Workers' Rights in Papua New Guinea

Brussels, 16 November 2010 (ITUC OnLine): Serious and continued violations of fundamental workers' rights are disclosed in a new report by the ITUC on core labour standards in Papua New Guinea, published to coincide with the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) review of its trade policies.

The report finds that the country's laws need to be updated and amended in order to offer better legal protection to workers, and to provide assistance to children at work and victims of trafficking and forced labour.

Anti-union practices are widespread in the logging industry, which is known for its extremely low wages and poor working conditions, including debt bondage and cramped and unhygienic accommodation of workers.

For the full report, see: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/report-for-the-wto-general-council,8014.html>

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