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- Pilot an exposure dialogue with Dakar lawyers to gain their support for IWs
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HOMEWORKERS & LABOUR PROTECTION

- Develop a strategy with MBOs in Bulgaria, Argentina and Uruguay to amend and/or enforce legislation protecting homeworkers
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- Apply for a hearing at the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights
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DOMESTIC WORKERS & C189

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ACCESS to JUSTICE & SOCIAL PROTECTION

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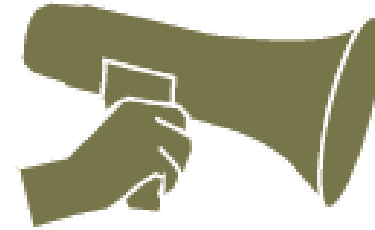
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