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- This provision would clarify that FTA parties may insert requirements in their government contracts that suppliers must comply with core labor laws in the country where the good is produced or the service is performed.
- These may include laws setting out labor conditions such as occupational safety and health requirements.
- Some state governments have sought to ensure that their contractors observe basic labor rights and labor laws, and the proposed clarification makes clear that they can do so.
- Our FTAs include a similar provision clarifying that government agencies can include provisions in their procurements to promote environmental protection.