

**Regional Focus Group Meeting in the Arab Region  
on Extraterritorial Obligations (ETOs)  
Organized by ANND and ETO Consortium**

**CASES**

Case 1	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Morocco
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	The first round of negotiations between Morocco and the European Union on a “Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement” (DCFTA) are scheduled for April 22, 2013 in Rabat. These negotiations will include the expansion of the existing trade agreements between the EU and Morocco to reduce tariffs towards the incorporation of rules on trade in services, investment and investor protection, liberalization of government procurement, competition policy, and intellectual property protection rules
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	EU-trade agreements, bilateral/multilateral trade agreements, development cooperation
<b>Rights concerned</b>	rights to health, education, social security, work and right to development,
<b>References to:</b>	Maastricht Principles, ICESRs
<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/morocco/">http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/morocco/</a> <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/policy-making/analysis/sustainability-impact-">http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/policy-making/analysis/sustainability-impact-</a>

[assessments/assessments/#study-geo-4](http://www.annd.org/english/data/latest/file/106.pdf)  
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Case 2	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Palestine
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	G4S is a British-Danish private security company that provides services and equipment to Israeli prisons, checkpoints, the Apartheid Wall and the Israeli police. Both the British and Danish governments have ETOs in relation to G4S’s activities in the Occupied Territories particularly in relation to the company’s “contribution” to conflict and occupation through delivering safety equipment and services to illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank; illegal settlements and providing equipment and services to the separation wall in the West Bank and military checkpoints in the West Bank and Gaza.
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	Occupation, transnational corporations
<b>Rights concerned</b>	right to free movement, the rights to education and health, the right to self-determination, and right to development
<b>References to:</b>	Maastricht Principles, ICESRs, Fourth Geneva Convention, UN resolutions, OHCHR statements
<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://www.bdsmovement.net/activecamps/g4s">http://www.bdsmovement.net/activecamps/g4s</a> <a href="http://www.bdsmovement.net/2014/g4s-contracts-in-israeli-occupied-territories-face-major-investigation-11604#sthash.vXPZQiAZ.dpuf">http://www.bdsmovement.net/2014/g4s-contracts-in-israeli-occupied-territories-face-major-investigation-11604#sthash.vXPZQiAZ.dpuf</a> <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/g4s-contracts-in-israeli-occupied-territories-face-major-investigation-9042705.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/g4s-contracts-in-israeli-occupied-territories-face-major-investigation-9042705.html</a>

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Case 3	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Egypt
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	<p>The Egyptian Refinery Company (ERC) project is a multi-stakeholder, classic public-private partnership (PPP). Located 40 kilometres from the centre of Cairo, it is currently one of the largest investments in Africa.</p> <p>The confirmed project financiers and partners include the European Investment Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the African Development Bank, the government's Cairo Refinery Company (CORC), and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation. Further ERC shareholders include Citadel Capital, a financing institution associated with Mubarak-era elites, and the private equity fund EFG Hermes, which is embroiled in corruption allegations involving Hosni Mubarak's sons Gamal and Alaa.</p>
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	IFIs, corruption, transnational corporations
<b>Rights concerned</b>	Right to health, right to housing, right to adequate standard of living, right to work
<b>References to:</b>	Maastricht Principles, ICESRs, EBRD Article 1, EBRD Environmental and Social Policy
<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://ecesr.org/en/?p=315251">http://ecesr.org/en/?p=315251</a> <a href="http://bankwatch.org/bwmail/56/mounting-">http://bankwatch.org/bwmail/56/mounting-</a>

Case 4	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Tunisia
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	SEA Latélec relocated part of the production from France to Fouchana in the suburbs of Tunis in 2005. Since 2010, the workers got organized and ever since have been exposed to systematic anti-union repression including layoffs, attempted bribery, insults, abusive sanctions, isolation, sexist remarks and death threats
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	Right to work, transnational corporations
<b>Rights concerned</b>	Right to work, right to strike, women's rights
<b>References to:</b>	Maastricht Principles, ICESRs, ILO Conventions
<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://www.industrialunion.org/airbus-refuses-to-respect-workers-rights-in-tunisia">http://www.industrialunion.org/airbus-refuses-to-respect-workers-rights-in-tunisia</a> <a href="http://www.vp-partisan.org/article1072.html">http://www.vp-partisan.org/article1072.html</a> <a href="http://solidaires.org/IMG/pdf/2013-09-06_Latelec_V8.pdf">http://solidaires.org/IMG/pdf/2013-09-06_Latelec_V8.pdf</a>

Case 5	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Jordan/Iraq
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	World Food Programme has a long relationship with Iraq and for the last five years has worked with the Ministry of Education to pilot a national school feeding programme using High Energy Biscuits(HEB). During this school year 2013/2014 WFP provides assistance to about 515,000 students in 1,900 schools in 18 districts. Recently, Iraq suspended its dealings with the World Food Program based on the terms of a memorandum of understanding for the supply of biscuits Powered vitamins to be distributed to school students within the school feeding project. The Cabinet filled a lawsuit against the World Food Program for having to change the dates of high protein biscuits in Jordan.
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	International organizations, development cooperation, right to health
<b>Rights</b>	Right to health

<b>concerned</b>	
<b>References to:</b>	Maastricht Principles, ICESCRs
<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://www.wfp.org/countries/jordan/operations">http://www.wfp.org/countries/jordan/operations</a> <a href="http://www.oneiraqidinar.com/iraq-scraps-world-food-programme/">http://www.oneiraqidinar.com/iraq-scraps-world-food-programme/</a> <a href="http://www.oneiraqidinar.com/cabinet-decides-establish-lawsuit-world-food-program-approve-2014-draft-budget-law/#sthash.31Fj9aHp.dpuf">http://www.oneiraqidinar.com/cabinet-decides-establish-lawsuit-world-food-program-approve-2014-draft-budget-law/#sthash.31Fj9aHp.dpuf</a>

Case 6	
<b>Country where violations of ETOs occur</b>	Lebanon
<b>Brief description of the problem</b>	Spinneys, based in Beirut, employs about 1,500 people across eight hypermarkets in Lebanon. It is majority-owned by Dubai-based Abraaj Group. Mr.Wright (the CEO) is currently facing a criminal case on charges of committing crimes under Article 329 of the Lebanese Penal Code. This article stipulates punishment for “anyone who keeps a Lebanese citizen from exercising his civil rights or obligations when coupled with a threat, force or any other means of physical and moral coercion by imprisonment from one month to a year.”
<b>Issues relevant to consider</b>	Transnational corporations, right to work
<b>Rights concerned</b>	Right to work, right to form and join trade unions
<b>References to:</b>	ICESRs, Maastricht principles, ILO Conventions, Lebanese Labor Rights

<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://spinneysceoagainstfreedoms.com/the-case/">http://spinneysceoagainstfreedoms.com/the-case/</a> <a href="http://www.arabianbusiness.com/ceo-of-lebanon-s-spinneys-faces-charges-over-workers-rights-504146.html">http://www.arabianbusiness.com/ceo-of-lebanon-s-spinneys-faces-charges-over-workers-rights-504146.html</a> <a href="http://www.albawaba.com/news/spinneys-ceo-write-union--472303">http://www.albawaba.com/news/spinneys-ceo-write-union--472303</a> <a href="http://english.al-akhbar.com/node/14616">http://english.al-akhbar.com/node/14616</a>
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