

Assessing the Trump Administration's Recommendations for Action for the USMCA Review

The Trump administration's statutorily-required report to Congress on "precise recommendations for action" during the six-year USMCA Review is now available [online](#) (see, especially, pages 9–10). The following summarizes how the administration's plan aligns with the [shared priorities](#) for the USMCA review outlined by over 680 U.S. labor and civil society organizations.

1.) Measures Needed to End the Offshoring of Good-Paying Jobs

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Strengthening & broadening RRM enforcement tool	NO. The plan references improving forced labor import bans and providing Mexican labor regulators with sanctioning authority, but ignores any specific improvements to the RRM tool.
b) Reducing emissions from industrial sector and ensuring data transparency	NO. The plan references improving enforcement in areas including illegal fisheries and wildlife trade, but ignores tightening industrial emissions standards that provide incentive to offshore.
c) Strengthening Rules of Origin for manufactured goods	YES. While vague, the plan does reference strengthening Rules of Origin for non-automotive goods.
d) Increasing MFN tariff rates on a trilateral basis	MAYBE. The plan praises potential Mexican tariff increases and mentions enhancing "security alignment" of tariffs, but not specifically in a job creation context.

e) Ending waivers of “Buy American” & other domestic purchasing preferences	NO. The plan attacks Canadian provinces’ domestic procurement preferences, but does not address protecting Buy American.
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2.) Measures Needed to Raise Wages Across the Region

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Conditioning application of the agreement’s benefits to goods and services making a fair wage	NO. The plan makes no reference to improving wages.
b) Tracking wages associated with exported goods and services	NO. The plan makes no reference to tracking wages.
c) Establishing a North American minimum wage for manufacturing workers in key sectors	NO. The plan makes no reference to establishing wage standards.

3.) Measures Needed to Strengthen Rural Communities

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Safeguarding governments’ rights to manage agricultural supplies at fair prices	NO. The plan attacks agricultural supply management in Canada.
b) Establishing mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) rules for beef, pork, dairy, egg and seafood products	NO. Preamble language mentions divergent views on COOL, but the plan make no proposal for establishing mandatory COOL rules.

4.) Measures Needed to Address Root Causes of Migration and Displacement

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Prevent agricultural dumping by agribusiness	NO. The plan has no provisions designed to prevent the agricultural dumping that has driven millions of small farmers off their land.
b) Prevent worker exploitation and environmental degradation	NO. The plan has some reference to labor and the environment, but does not contain the provisions necessary to reduce the economic and environmental displacement caused by the existing agreement.
c) Better protect migrant workers	NO. The plan makes no reference to the rights of migrant workers.

5.) Measures Needed to Stop Abuses by Big Tech

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Removing algorithm and source code secrecy guarantees that gut right to repair policies and prevent effective oversight of Artificial Intelligence	NO. The plan is silent on this issue and has no other provisions designed to protect AI oversight and right to repair.
b) Removing provisions that undermine online privacy and data security	NO. Preamble language mentions divergent views on these issues, but the plan itself is silent on them.
c) Remove provisions that help Big Tech undermine anti-monopoly policies	NO. Preamble language celebrates billions in tax cuts the administration has already secured for Big Tech, and the plan itself attacks Canadian digital competition policies.

6.) Measures Needed to Shut Down Special Rights for Foreign Investors

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Completely eliminating Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)	NO. The plan is silent on ISDS, while preamble language refers to one ISDS plaintiff as the victim of “theft” by the Mexican government.
b) Removing so-called Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) provisions	NO. The plan is silent on GRP.

7.) Measures Needed to Make Medicine More Affordable

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Eliminating “TRIPS-plus” provisions that establish special rights for pharmaceutical monopolies	NO. Preamble language speaks positively of Mexican remedies to intellectual property concerns, and the plan is silent on eliminating TRIPS-plus provisions.
b) Affirming governments’ rights to use compulsory licensing to address public health needs	NO. The plan is silent on compulsory licensing.
c) Affirming governments’ rights to negotiate for lower prescription medicine prices	NO. The plan is silent on affirming governments’ rights to negotiate lower prescription drug prices.

8.) Measures Needed to Ensure Transparency and Effective Public Participation

<u>Labor & Civil Society Recommendations:</u>	<u>Trump Admin Plan:</u>
a) Releasing U.S. USMCA amendment proposals for public comment before tabling them	NO. The plan is silent on this issue.

b) Publishing composite renegotiation texts between countries in near-real time

NO. The plan make no commitment to publish composite negotiating texts.