

## **Briefing pack in relation to the European Parliament hearing on caste discrimination**

[Recommendations by the International Dalit Solidarity Network \(IDSN\) to the EU](#): Towards an EU Policy Framework for the Effective Elimination of Discrimination Based on Work and Descent.

[European Parliament Resolution B6-0021/2007 on the human rights situation of the Dalits in India](#)

[EP resolution on the EU-India Free Trade Agreement – References to caste discrimination](#)

[IDSN study on caste-based discrimination in South Asia \(commissioned by the European Commission\)](#)

[IDSNs 2010 Annual Report](#) – including chapters on the EU, UN and India

[The Dalit Discrimination Check](#) is a web-tool developed specifically to help companies identify and prevent discrimination and exploitation of Dalits in their Indian operations and suppliers. It is designed as a comprehensive checklist with self-guided questions and indicators of possible violations of national Indian law and international law. It has been developed by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IDSN and the Danish Institute for Human Rights as part of their Human Rights and Business Project.

[Dalit Discrimination Check Information sheet](#) is a 2 page introduction to the DDC web-tool for companies.

[The Ambedkar Principles](#) are developed to assist foreign investors in South Asia. They include a set of employment principles as well as a set of additional principles addressing economic and social exclusion of Dalits.

[ISO 26000 paragraph on Caste Discrimination](#). Caste discrimination has now been highlighted by the widely recognised standard - the ISO 26000 on social responsibility.

[Statement by UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders who is “particularly concerned” about Dalit human rights defenders in India](#)

[Understanding Untouchability - a Comprehensive Study of Practices and Conditions in 1589 Villages](#) (this ground-breaking report from the Navsarjan Trust in Gujarat was published in January 2010)

[Dalit Children in India - Victims of Caste Discrimination Cases](#)

[The Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act \(1989\)](#)

[IDSN opinion piece in relation to the EP hearing](#)

[IDSN report on the hearing](#)

[IDSN press release from the hearing](#)

[Press releases and an opinion piece on caste discrimination by MEPs.](#)

[MEP joint letter \(DEC 2010\) on EU-India Summit highlighting caste discrimination](#)