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[Just Pay It: Nike Creates Fund for Honduran Workers](#)

(Source: *Time*) It's no secret that the global economy hasn't exactly been a boon to the labor movement. But globalization can be cruellest to the Third World employees it was supposed to raise out of poverty. As developing countries compete for investment from large foreign corporations, they all too often push workers' wages, benefits and rights so low that many of them ought to be called sweatshop nations today instead of banana republics.

[International Investor Coalition Urgently Calls for Improved Working Conditions in Electronics Manufacturing Facilities](#)

(Source: *Boston Asset Management/ CSRWire*) BOSTON - In light of a series of suicides at the Foxconn Electronics facility in China, a broad coalition of over 40 European, Australian and U.S. investors have joined their voices to issue a public statement condemning abusive workplace conditions in the global electronics supply chain. Worker abuses such as excessive overtime and supervisor harassment which are endemic in the electronics manufacturing sector have been cited by non-governmental organizations as contributing to excessive stress and grave mental health issues among factory workers. In issuing this statement, the group, led by Boston Common Asset Management, LLC, Trillium Asset Management Corporation, As You Sow and Domini Social Investments LLC, all members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, sends a strong message to the electronics manufacturers in their portfolios urging stricter supply chain compliance.

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