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**ILO database on export processing zones
(Revised)**

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Preface

The Programme and Budget for 2006-07 contains a provision for an InFocus Initiative (IFI) on export processing zones. The report of the World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization also highlighted the subject.

Growing numbers of countries engage in the global economy through export processing zones (EPZs). These zones aim to provide infrastructure, services and incentives to attract both foreign and national firms to produce for international markets, thus contributing to national development goals. Some EPZs have become an important link in the global production systems of certain sectors, such as textiles, clothing and footwear. In many countries they have contributed to improving employment opportunities, salaries and working conditions. However, ILO research has also shown that provisions of national labour legislation are often not applied and that working conditions often exploit the desperate need of many women and men for some form of job. The fiscal cost of EPZs in terms of tax concessions and subsidies is also being increasingly scrutinized as countries assess how much enduring benefit the zones actually bring to national social and economic development.

Guided by the relevant Governing Body discussions, this initiative will draw on work in different parts of the Office focused on specific economic sectors. The key issue is the examination of what constitutes the most appropriate policy package to encourage a steady improvement in the quality of production and employment in manufacturing sectors competing on global markets. Using social dialogue and a rights-based approach, the Initiative will seek to foster effective, coordinated national policies on decent work, which encourage investment and trade and promote core labour standards and adherence to national laws. Specific attention will be paid to the gender dimension of decent work. Lessons can be learned from both good practices and those where basic rights and conditions have not been respected. The aim will be to develop advisory services to governments and others that foster an upgrading of the quality of both employment and production in EPZs and their integration into broader national and international development strategies.

As a contribution to implementing this IFI on EPZs, the Sectoral Activities Branch of the ILO presents this updated database as a basis for providing factual information upon which to base decisions for further research and action. This information has been gathered from the information published by export processing zone authorities on their respective websites. As such, further verification has not been possible.

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EPZ employment statistics

An analysis of the data below reveals that Asia and Central America are the front runners in employment generation. Leaving China aside, Asia has some 15 million vs. 5 million in Central America (but it should be noted that more than 3 million work in bonded warehouses in Bangladesh throughout the country under EPZ-like conditions without being in a zone). Mexico in particular increased employment over the past years. Our tabulations put Mauritius and Madagascar in the India Ocean, but some place them in Africa. By and large, the EPZs in the Transition Economies of Central and Eastern Europe may not survive in their present form as most are now EU members. (In addition, US free trade zones in North America are more to facilitate the import of parts for assembly.) The zones in the Caribbean account for over half a million workers. And the Caribbean employment could be added to that of Central America. Almost 1.5 million work in the EPZs of Africa. On the whole, according to the figures below, EPZs have relatively speaking not taken off in South America.

Estimates of the development of export processing zones

Years	1975	1986	1997	2002	2006
Number of countries with EPZs	25	47	93	116	130
Number of EPZs or similar types of zones	79	176	845	3 000	3 500
Employment (millions)	n.a.	n.a.	22.5	43	66
– of which China	n.a.	n.a.	18	30	40
– of which other countries with figures available	0.8	1.9	4.5	13	26

Export processing zones

Geographical area	Employment	Number of zones
Asia	 55 741 147	900+
– of which China	(40 000 000)	
– of which bonded factories in Bangladesh	(3 250 000)	
Central America and Mexico	 5 252 216	155
Middle East	 1 043 597	50
North Africa	 643 152	65
Sub-Saharan Africa	 860 474	90+
United States	 340 000	713
South America	 459 825	43
Transition economies	 1 400 379	400
Caribbean	 546 513	250
Indian Ocean	 182 712	1
Europe	 364 818	50
Pacific	 145 930	14
Total (estimated)	65 980 763	3 500+
 = approximately 100 000  or  = approximately 1 000 000		

Countries	No. of EPzs	Other types of zone	Total employ. (2005-06)	% fem.	Investment (USD mill.)	Main inv. countries	No. of firms	Main sectors	Zone exports (USD mill.)	Main markets	Zone exp. as % of tot. exp.
North America											
Algeria	4 ZFE		29 268		8 908		800				85
Egypt	10 (FZ) ¹	42 (IZ) ² 1 (SEZ) ³	209 042		3 062.5	US, Canada, Cayman Islands, Japan, Bermuda, Italy, France, Germany, Netherlands, China, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Belgium, Sweden, Cyprus, India, other	558	Services, oil & gas, electrical, fertilizers, metallurgical, construction, textiles, petrochemicals, chemicals, ceramics, marble, media, production	1 325 bn	Spain, US, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Canada, Tunisia, Morocco, other	
Morocco	2 (ZFE)		145 000	20	1 783 701 251	Germany, France, Spain, Italy, US, other	745	Food processing, mechanical & electrical industries, leather, textiles, services, chemical, tourism, automobile components		Germany, France, Spain, Italy, US, UAE, other	61
Tunisia		2 (Parcs d'activités économiques) ⁴ (Parcs technologiques)	259 842		747 534 952	France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Belgium, US, UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Russian Fed., Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, Canada, Switzerland	2 703	Mechanical & electrical industries, mining, leather, textiles, services, tourism, ITC, auto components	20 544	France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, UK, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Iraq, Turkey, Islamic Rep. of Iran, Morocco	52
Subtotal employment			643 152								
Sub-Saharan Africa											
Cape Verde	EPzs		1 180	88			9	Goods, services, warehouses			

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Cameroon	EPZ – 1	Points franc	4 690			Cameroon, France, Italy, Spain, Lebanon	29	Food processing, wood industries, tourism, petrochemicals, services, warehousing	190 337	France, Spain	33
Côte d'Ivoire		village des nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la biotechnologie (VITIB), free ports						Warehousing			
Gabon	1 (ZFE)		791		60	France, US, Italy, Spain, UK, Germany, Japan, Netherlands		Petroleum, timber, metals, mining, fisheries			80
Ghana	4 (EPZ)		9 828		738.5	Malaysia, US, Lebanon, South Africa, China, UAE, UK, Austria, France, Italy, Germany	144	ICT, textile/apparel manufacturing, agro-food processing, seafood processing, jewellery/handicraft production, metal/hand tool fabrication, floriculture, light industry/assembling plant, ceramic tiles manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, ethnic beauty products	627.4	Togo, Netherlands, US, UK, Germany, Nigeria, France, Italy, Belgium, Japan	70
Kenya	43 (EPZ)	11 industrial parks	38 851	60	258 038 674	US, UK, Hong Kong (China), India, Sri Lanka	68	Apparel/garments manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, processing of tea	277	UK, UAE, US, Japan, South Africa, Germany, Uganda, United Rep. of Tanzania, Pakistan	86.9

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Lesotho	8		44 000			US		Clothing and textile products, pharmaceuticals, brick manufacturing	320	US, EU, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)	80
Malawi	1 (EPZ)		29 000	51	163.9	European Union, South Africa, UK, US		Tobacco, tea, coffee, macadamia nuts, rice, confectionery, ceramics, textiles, crafts, farm implements, fishing flies, furniture, gemstones, enamelware, rubber, live tropical fish, cut flowers, buses and trailers	503.3	South Africa, US, Japan, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
Mali	3 (IZ)		17 593		93 189 799	Germany, France, Denmark	343	Agriculture, mining, tourism, timber, metals, textiles, leather		France, UEMOA, US	80
Mozambique		1 industrial park						Textiles, agriculture			85
Namibia	1 (EPZ)	1 industrial park	29 000		155 578 463	Japan, Hong Kong (China), Rep. of Korea, Taiwan (China), UK, Germany, US, South Africa	65	Warehouses, food processing, aquaculture, mining, tourism, fisheries	1 007	South Africa, Angola, UK, Germany, US, other	41
Nigeria		6 (FTZ) ⁴	111 375		1.2 bn	EU, US, UK, Italy, China, South Africa, Rep. of Korea, India, Lebanon, France		Communication industries, agro-allied industries, mineral processing, oil & gas, electrical and electronic products	1.6 bn	EU, US, UK, Italy, China, South Africa, Rep. of Korea, India, Lebanon, UEMOA, France	75

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Senegal		ZFID, ⁵ points francs, EFE ⁶	3 409+ 3 529 journaliers		43 616 736	France	57	Food processing, call centre			
South Africa	6		535 195				1 583				
Sudan	3 (FTZ)	Duty free shop	1 033		20		46	Groundnuts, sesame and other oil seeds, cotton, wood products, watermelon seeds, vegetables & fruits, edible oils, animal fodder, meat and livestock			
Togo	1 (SAZOF)		9 000		60 785 082	France, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Italy, Rep. of Korea, Spain, Côte d'Ivoire, US, China, Netherlands, Italy, Germany	61	Shoes, computers, CDs, paints, pasta	272		
Zimbabwe	7 (EPZ)		22 000		75		73	Food processing, timber processing, shoes, textiles & leather, satellite telecommunications, tobacco			80
Subtotal employment			860 474								
Indian Ocean											
Madagascar		Entreprises franchises	115 000	71.1		France, China, Taiwan (China), US, Mauritius	186	Manufacturing, food processing services, timber, watches		France, US, Belgium, COMESA, COI, others	80

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Mauritius	Entire island		65 512	62.6	73 227 630	South Africa, Singapore, India, France, Malaysia, Hong Kong (China)	463	Food, flowers, textile, leather products, wood and paper products, optical goods, electronic watches and clocks, electric and electronic products, jewellery, toys and carnival articles, others	737	US, Japan, Europe, South-East Asia, East Asia, Middle East, Latin America, Africa, Oceania	42
Seychelles		1 (SITZ) ⁷	2 200		75				30		
Subtotal employment Middle East			182 712								
Bahrain	9 (EPZ)		299 080	10		Australia, China, France, India, Jordan, Malaysia, Russian Fed., Singapore, Rep. of Korea, UK, US	370	Tourism, banks and insurance companies, international law firms, business consultancies, IT	6.91 bn		
Iran, Islamic Rep. of		3 FTIZ, 18 SEZ	69 388		6 124	Germany, France, UAE, Turkey	3 809	Textiles, shoes, leather, packing	87 289.45	Middle East, Indonesia, other	
Jordan		7 (QIZ) 1 (ASEZA) ⁸ planned	54 515	32.5	1 164 373	Jordan, Iraq, US, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UK, Taiwan (China), China, Ukraine, Israel, Denmark, Russian Fed.	503	Manufacturing service, tourism	410	US, Israel, Egypt	
Lebanon		BETZ ⁹	1 807		510	UK, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, France, Belgium, China	23	Tourism, agro-industries, ICT & media	682 433	Syrian Arab Rep., Kuwait, UAE, Egypt, Netherlands, Sweden, France, Belgium, UK, Sudan, Cyprus	

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Saudi Arabia		8 (SPA) ¹⁰	66 672		23.44 bn	Yemen, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Rep., Egypt, Islamic Rep. of Iran	1 609	Warehousing, crude oil, petroleum derivatives, electricity, petrochemicals, natural gas		US, Israel, Egypt	73
Syrian Arab Republic	4 (EPZ)	1 AFZ									
United Arab Emirates	16 (EPZ)		552 135		8 bn	UAE, France, US, UK, China, Netherlands, other	7 000	ICT, media, computer, training, marketing, tourism, services	5 bn	Sweden, Denmark, US, UK, France, Netherlands	35
Yemen		1 (AFZ) ¹¹			250						100
Subtotal employment			1 043 597								
Asia											
SAARC											
Bangladesh	8 (EPZ)	5 341 BGMEA & BKMEA ¹²	188 394+ 3 250 000 BGMEA & BKMEA	85	1 035	China, US, UK, India, Japan, Belgium, Pakistan, France, Australia, Rep of. Korea, Switzerland, O other	252	Gas & oil, high-tech., leather, textiles, food processing, pharmaceutical industries, clothing, others	11 716.98	US, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Canada, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Sweden, other	75.6
India		8 SEZ	100 650	31.97	7.96 bn		811	High-tech, jewellery, gems, pharmaceutical industry, leather, textiles, food processing, other	4.9 bn		
Maldives		EEZ ¹³	88 000 ¹⁴			UK, Japan, Hong Kong (China), China		Fisheries, tourism, banking and financial services industry		Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, UK, Japan, Hong Kong (China), China	47.7

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Pakistan	22 (EPZ)	4 IZ	888 312		3 872.50	US, UK, UAE, Germany, France, Hong Kong (China), Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Netherlands, Rep. of Korea	300 (KEPZ)	Electronics, chemicals, stuffed toys, precision mechanics, yarn processing, garments, leather, food processing, plastics	8 073.1	US, Europe, South-East Asia	
Sri Lanka	12 (FTZ)	4 (industrial parks)	410 851	77.72	287	Rep. of Korea, Japan, Hong Kong (China), Singapore, UK, US, Europe	223	Clothing, textiles, rubber products, high-tech., others	4 263	US, Europe, South-East Asia	38
4 Tigers											
Singapore	7 (EPZ)	35 (industrial parks)			6 400	Japan, US, Mexico, Canada, Chile, Australia, Rep. of Korea, New Zealand	7 000	Energy, food processing, textiles, chemicals, timbers, metals, mechanics, auto industries, electronics components	165.9	US, ASEAN, EU, Gulf States, others	
Hong-Kong (China)		Industrial estates cyberport science park.	336 000		29.6 bn	EU, US, Canada, China, Japan, Malaysia, Russian Fed., Singapore, Rep. of Korea, Taiwan (China), Mexico, Switzerland, Thailand, Saudi Arabia	3 845	Investment holdings, banks and deposit-taking companies, financial institutions, insurance, manufacturing, communications, tourism, wholesale	101.5 bn	British Virgin Islands, Netherlands, Bermuda, Japan, Singapore, Cayman Islands, Thailand, UK, US, other	
Korea, Rep. of		3 free economic zones	39 000	70	11.56 bn				30.61 bn		
Taiwan (China)	5 (EPZ)	IIPC ¹⁵	67 646		24 628 508		354		343		

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New Tigers											
Indonesia		Bonded zone	~6 000 000 ¹⁶		11.31 bn		1 149	Transports, warehouse, communications, chemical and pharmaceutical, construction, food, mining, textiles, leathers, electronics components, others	18.4 bn		
Malaysia	13 (FIZ)	200 (industrial & hi-tech parks)	369 488+ 122 000	54	5.512 bn	Japan US, UK, Germany, Switzerland Taiwan (China), Rep. of Korea, Italy, Netherlands, Finland, other	3 000	High-tech, food processing, services, IT industry, pharmaceuticals	12.6 bn	Japan US, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Taiwan (China), Rep. of Korea, other	83
Philippines	4 pub ez 41 privez	31 info tech park & buildings, 1 Eastbay arts, recreation & tourism zone, 1 ecozone facilities enterprises warehousing	1 128 197	74	1.270 bn	Philippines, US, Japan, UK, Malaysia, Singapore, other	1 179	Electronics and semiconductors, electrical machinery and apparatus, transport and car parts, chemical and chemical products, information technology, medical precision and optical products, rubber, plastic, garments and textiles, others	32.030 bn		60

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Thailand	10 EPZ	22 GIZ (general industrial zone) & IPZ (industrial promotion zone)	451 599		1.442 bn	EU, US, Taiwan (China), Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong (China)	1 357	Agricultural products, minerals and ceramics, light industry, metal processing, electronics and electrical, chemical, plastic, paper, service and infrastructure	8 242	Rep. of Korea, Netherlands, UK, Belgium, Austria, US, Germany, Japan, India, Malaysia, Taiwan (China), China, Hong Kong (China), Singapore	
Other Asia											
Macao (China)		Industrial parks development, MPTTC ¹⁷	131 010 (80% in textiles)		5 378 bn	Hong Kong (China), Portugal, China, UK, US, other	3 100	Textiles, toys, electrical & electronic equipment, light industries, pharmaceutical industries	2 660 bn	US, UE, Asia and the Pacific	80
Cambodia	3 (EPZ)		20 000								
Japan		2 (OSFTZ) ¹⁸	200 000		964 744	Japan, US, UK, Germany, France, Australia, Canada, EU, East Asia, South Africa, India, Latin America	77	Warehouses,		US, EU25, ¹⁹ China, Asian NIEs, ASEAN 4, other	42.7
China	15 (EPZ)	COC, SEZ ²⁰ (56 ETDZ, 12 FTZ, 53 HIDZ, 4 TIZ, 14 BECZ, 10 THR) ²¹	40 000 000 ²² (30–50 M)		17.03 bn	US, Germany, France, Switzerland, Netherlands, Canada, Hong Kong (China), Taiwan (China), Russian Fed., Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines	43 360 (the Pearl River Delta Economic Zone) ²³	Electronics, information, electric equipment and machinery, petrochemical, textile, garments, food, beverage, construction material, forestry and paper making, pharmaceutical, car	145.06 bn	US, EU, CARICOM, ASEAN, ACP, Hong Kong (China), Taiwan (China), Russian Fed., Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	593.3
Mongolia		1 (TZ), 12 (EDZ) ²⁴									

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Nepal	EPZ – 1							Garments		Garments – US	
Viet Nam	10 (EPZ)	8 (IZs) & 173 other type zones	950 000	45	1 067	Japan, Taiwan (China), Hong Kong (China), Netherlands, Singapore, US, Rep. of Korea, UK, France, Philippines	234	Industries, wood, leather, metals, food processing, packaging, textiles			80-100 next 4 years: 50 < 80 next 2 years: < 50
Subtotal employment			54 741 147								
Central America											
Belize	EPZ	CFZ	44 333	42.9	229		205 Cos., 120 trading or doing business and 85 in the process of setting up operation	Tourism, agribusiness, furniture manufacturing, international financial services		US, UK, other EU, Mexico, Canada, CARICOM, Central America, other	
Costa Rica	12	127 empresas de perfeccionamiento	36 000		2 803	US, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, Dominican Rep., Germany, Taiwan (China), Singapore, Hong Kong (China), Guatemala, Italy	196	Machines (mechanical & electrical), textile, pharmaceutical, plastic and rubber	373	US, EU	52

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El Salvador	16	7 IPZ ²⁵	76 134	85	827.4	US, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, Dominican Rep., Germany, Taiwan (China), Singapore, Hong Kong (China), Guatemala, Italy	200	Clothing, tuna fishing, machinery, medical products, paper	3 264	US, Japan, Germany, Costa Rica, Honduras, other	62
Guatemala	16		22 000+ 50 000	70	1 329	Rep. of Korea, Guatemala, US	241	Industrial, commercial and services, textiles	560	US, other	
Honduras	24	Maquilas ²⁶	353 624	75	879	US, Rep. of Korea, Mexico, Dominican Rep., Germany, Taiwan (China), Singapore, Hong Kong (China), Guatemala, Italy	204	Textile, footwear, services, electronics, equipment assembly, food processing	2 800	US, other	60.52
Mexico		Maquiladora ²⁷	1 212 125 direct+ 3 100 000 indirect	60	16 500	US, Canada, France, Sweden, Germany, EU, Japan, China	3 700	Industries manufacturing chemicals, machinery and electrical appliances and electronics, shoe manufacturing, food canning, automotive sector	10 678.01	US, UK, France, Canada, EU, Japan	47.07
Nicaragua	Las Mercedes	33 industrial parks	340 000	90	282.3	Taiwan (China), US, Rep. of Korea, Nicaragua, Italy, Hong Kong (China), Honduras, Belize, Mexico	110	Textile, shoes, telecommunications, food processing, electronics, chemicals, tobacco, packaging	2 bn	33	79.4

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Panama	1 (EPZ)	8 parks	18 000	70	130 000 000	Taiwan (China), Japan, US, China	2 500	Electronics, textiles, perfumes, pharmaceuticals, jewellery	4 500	Colombia, Ecuador, Central, South America, US, other	
Subtotal employment			5 252 216								
South America											
Argentina	5	Industrial parks				France, Switzerland, NAFTA, Norway, Germany, Brazil, Spain, other	3 202	Citrus fruits production, forestry, food processing, metals, chemicals industries, textiles, fisheries, tobacco, electronic, petrochemicals, packaging		Switzerland, Finland, Italy, France, Germany, Norway, Spain, Brazil, Latin America, NAFTA	90.4
Bolivia	7 (ZF)		48 000		7 500	Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Spain, Sweden, France, UK, Switzerland, US, Australia, Chile, Ecuador, Rep. of Korea, China, other	1 806	Leather, textiles	59.4	US, Chile, Peru	
Brazil	1 (ZF)		101 862			Brazil, US, Portugal, other	450	Electronics, motorcycle, metallurgy, optical products, thermo-plastic, paper, mechanical products, shoes, leather	1 967 904	US, France, Portugal, Spain, Canada, South America	96.5

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Chile	2 (ZF)		17 000 (1 zone)				1 500 (1 ZF)	Self-propelling railway, electronics products, combustive lubricant, machinery and equipment, textile & garment, toys	1 336	Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, Argentina, Ecuador, US, Brazil, Panama, Uruguay	
Colombia	12		93 000				368	Textiles, services, automobile repairing, agro-industry, petrochemicals, food, chemicals, fuel	3 843		40
Peru	4		16 313				33	Textile, services, automobile repairing, agro-industry	3 363		
Uruguay	9 FZ		3 650 (1 FTZ)				672	Timber, food processing, leather, textiles, tourism		US, Brazil, China	60
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	3		60 000+ 120 000 indirect				250	Trade, packaging, petrol, petrochemicals,			
Subtotal employment			459 825								

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Caribbean											
Antigua and Barbuda	Free trade & process. zone							Data processing, trade, offshore financial			
Trinidad and Tobago	17 designated free zone areas	Single entity zones	19 350 inclusive of four countries			Trinidad & Tobago, US		Manufacturing, data processing, food processing trade	58.4		
St. Kitts and Nevis		CFTZ									
St. Lucia	EPZs										
Bahamas	FTZ – 3							Fisheries & aquaculture, pharmaceutical, agriculture devlpt. & food processing, electronics, manufacturing, other opportunities		US, UK, EU, Japan	
Barbados		Bonded zones			Caribbean Community (CARICOM), UK, US			Information technology, call centres, financial services, international insurance, international business, manufacturing			
Cayman Islands		Bonded zones	549				129	Agriculture, fishing, manufacturing, hotels & condos, bank & trust, insurance & financial business services, IT services			

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Cuba	3, 1 planned		833 (1 ZF)			Spain, Italy, Canada, Panama, Mexico, Jamaica, Argentina	55 (1 ZF)	Food processing, textiles		Free to ship goods to any country other than US.	
Curaçao	FTZs 2, IZ - 1		1 000		600	US, EU	111	Garments, shoes, leatherwear, toys, household articles, electronics, jewelry, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, alcohol, cigarettes, flowers	300	US, EU	75
Dominican Republic	57		154 781	53.1	1989 602 235.27	US, Dominican Rep., Rep. of Korea, Switzerland, Italy, France, Taiwan (China), Germany, Bolivarian Rep. of Venezuela, Canada	556	Textiles, services, toys, chemicals, agro-food processing, pharmaceutical, electronics, metals mining, others	4 734.70	US, Switzerland, Spain, Puerto Rico, Netherlands, UK, Ecuador, Rep. of Korea, other	80
Grenada		3 industrial parks; 1 BIC & CC ²⁸				UK, US, Germany, CARICOM, other	27 (for IP)	Sea-food processing and aqua-culture, cocoa and coffee processing, eco-tourism, services telemarketing/tele-services, call centre, offshore information processing, electronic components, leather products, offshore banking and trust fund, international insurance	34 423.94	UK, US, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Caribbean countries, other	
Haiti	4 planned	Maquila	10 000	69 in apparel		Haiti	90	Food processing, textiles, no metals mining, other	150	US, EU, Canada	Garments 50

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Jamaica	3 (FZ)		20 000	90		North America, EU, India, China, Philippines, South Africa		Garments, electronics, agriculture, IT, tourism, film, music and entertainment, call centres	Garments – 362 (1997)	China, Rep. of Korea, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nigeria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Norway, Russian Fed.	
Puerto Rico	FTZs 4	138 IP 15 subzones	340 000			France, Switzerland, Germany, UK, Spain, US	2 800	Cosmetics, food & beverage, pharmaceuticals, telecommunication, financial services, transportation, tourism, chemical, electronics, textiles & clothing		US	87
Subtotal employment			546 513								
Transition economies of Central and Eastern Europe											
Albania	4 FTZ	Industrial parks			143	Greece, Italy, Turkey	2 422	Services, trade, agriculture, manufacturing, textiles			
Belarus		6 FEZ; 1 TFEZ ²⁹	20 000		329.9	Poland, Russian Fed., Germany, Latvia, US, Netherlands, Bulgaria	264	Pharmaceutical, automotive, electronics, woodworking, chemical, construction and energy, food industry, agriculture processing, high technology, machine building	430.64		

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Bulgaria		14 IZ 6 IP	25 659		5 058.1	Austria, Greece, UK, Germany, BENELUX, Italy, Hungary, US, Switzerland, Spain, Ireland, France, Czech Republic, Russian Fed., other	106	Automotive parts, business process, food beverage, IT & telecommunications, electrical engineering, electronics, mechanical engineering, real estate, textile and clothing		EU, US, Russian Fed., other	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8				4 027			Food processing, automotive industries, banking & financial services, ICT, mining & metal processing, tourism	5 483		
Croatia	13 (FZ)		55 534		2 227	Austria, Germany, US, France, Italy, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, other	247	Manufacturing, warehousing and processing goods, ports activities, wholesaling and agency services in commercial trading, banking and other financial services, insurance services	2 900	Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, Italy, Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Russian Fed., other	19.1
Czech Rep.		81 IZ	487 000				3 096	Automotive industries, banking & financial services, ICT, food processing, electronics services			88

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Hungary		160 industrial parks			4.1 bn	Netherlands, US, Germany, Singapore, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Luxembourg, other		Warehousing, automotive/tires, electronics services, trade, banking services	5.3 bn		40
Lithuania		2 FEZ (free economic zones), 1 industrial parks, 6 STP ³⁰	368 917		8 689	US, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Russian Fed., Estonia	3 150	ICT, biotech, electronics, metal processing and automotive, chemicals, wood processing, furniture and paper, textile and apparel, food products & beverages	11 404	Poland, Denmark, Estonia, US, Sweden, UK, France, Russian Fed., Latvia, Germany, other	60.2
Poland		14 SEZ, 34 industrial and technology parks	54 419		1 827 114.80	Germany, Netherlands, Italy, UK, Sweden, Rep. of Korea, France, US, other	649	Services, trade, construction, stockage, industries, tourism		Germany, France, Italy, UK, Netherlands, Czech. Rep., other	
Romania	6				3 539	France, Rep. of Korea, Greece, Canada, US, Japan, Netherlands, Germany, Australia	650	Manufacturing, gas & oil, trade, telecom services	1 005		
Russian Federation		Nakhodka FEZ			88	China, Japan, US	469		413		
Slovenia	8										
Ukraine	17	9 PDA ³¹	387 650		17 089			Agriculture, mining, textile, wood production, tourism, industry			

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The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12 (FZ)		1 200	45	13 380	(22 foreign countries) Germany, US, Cyprus, Austria, The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia, other	70	Service, production warehousing			49
Subtotal employment			1 400 379								
Pacific											
Australia		10 (TDZ) ³²	21 000		33 152	US, Canada, UK, Netherlands, France, Japan, Germany, Italy, Switzerland	289	Agro-business, biotechnologies, energy sectors, financial services, ITC, mining, nanotechnologies			
Fiji		Kalabo tax free zone+90 factories garments export – exclusive economic zone (EEZ)	12 989+ 111 941	34.57	10.5	Australia, Fiji, EU	In: 6, out: 90	Pharmaceuticals & cosmetics, textiles, clothing and footwear, food and beverage, forestry products, tourism, ICT services	198.2	New Zealand, Australia, US, EU	60
New Zealand	3 (ZEE)				19 624 bn	US, Canada, UK, Australia		Food processing, tourism, industries, shoes, watches	3 568 bn	China, Taiwan (China), Rep. of Korea, Hong-Kong (China), Japan	
Subtotal employment			145 930								
Europe											
Cyprus	1 (EPZ)	Onshore, offshore	5 864		86.3	EU, Middle East, Near East, US, Australia	1 080	Industries, tourism, trade, services			
Greece	3										

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Ireland	National Techn. Park, Shannon FZ		132 728		18.6 bn	US, Germany, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Asia–Pacific, other	1 010	Engineering, electronics, international & financial, aerospace, telecom, software, healthcare, services	85.2 bn	US, Germany, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Asia–Pacific, other	40
Italy	4										
Malta		10 IZ	40 000			Singapore, France, UK, Germany, Italy, Japan, US, China, other	+200	Food and beverages, clothing, footwear and accessories, cosmetics and toiletries, health, hygiene and cleaning products, plastic and metal products and components, electronic and electrical equipment and parts, automotive components, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, information & communication technology services, training & consultancy, back office service & call centres	2.544 bn	US, Singapore, France, UK, Germany, North Africa, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, other	48.5

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Portugal		4 IFTZs				Italy, UK, Germany, Greece, US, France, Norway, Monaco, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina	5 139	Telecommunications services, marketing and distribution, oil-rig platforms and submarine cables, assembling of electronic precision scales, electronic components, textiles, automobiles repair & assembling, chemical products, food products		EU	
Spain	Cadiz free zone, Barcelona FZ, Vigo FZ	Stand-alone plants									
Turkey		20 (FTZ)	40 296		222 600	France, US, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, UK, Italy, Japan	3 845	Vegetable products, livestock products, fishery products, processed agricultural products, processed petroleum products, industrial products	1 434 325	OECD and EU, Commonwealth of Independent States, North Africa & Middle East, other countries.	
Subtotal employment			364 818								
North America											
United States		256 FTZ	340 000		153.8 bn	Germany, Japan, Rep. of Korea, US	2 500	Crude & petroleum oils & related products, auto/other motor vehicle parts, electronic products & parts, computers/office equip. & rel. parts,	23 bn	Central & Latin America	31

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								apparel/textiles & leather goods, metal & mineral products, chemicals & related products, juice concentrate, tobacco products, pharmaceuticals & related products, electrical equipment & related parts, other food products, medical equipment & supplies, others			
Subtotal employment			340 000								
Employment China			40 000 000								
Remaining employment			25 980 763								
Grand total			65 980 763								

¹ Free zones. ² Industrial zones. ³ Special economic zones. ⁴ Free trade zone. ⁵ Zone Franche Industrielle de Développement. ⁶ Entreprises Franches pour l'Exportation. ⁷ Seychelles International Trade Zone. ⁸ Qualifying industrial zones and Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. ⁹ Beirut emerging technology zone (zone C exemption, facilities and reduction regardless of their geographical location). ¹⁰ Saudi Ports Authority. ¹¹ Aden free zone. ¹² Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association. ¹³ Exclusive economic zone. ¹⁴ The local labour force is supplemented by the employment of over 54,000 expatriates. ¹⁵ International information products companies. ¹⁶ More or less. ¹⁷ Macao Productivity and Technology Transfer Center. ¹⁸ Okinawa special free trade zone. ¹⁹ EU25, as opposed to EU15. ²⁰ Coastal opening cities refer to the following 15 cities: Shanghai, Tianjin, Dalian, Qingdao, Yantai, Weifai, Lianyungang, Nantong, Ningbo, Wenzhou, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Zhanjiang and Beihai. Cities in special economic zones refer to the following five cities: Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Shantou, Xiamen and Hainan. ²¹ ETDZ: Economic and technological development zone; HIDZ: hi-tech industrial development zone; TIZ: Taiwanese investment zone; BECZ: Border economic and cooperation zone; THR: Tourist and holiday resort. ²² One web site states that employment in the COC and SEZ in China is more or less 80 million (see reference). To be cautious we preferred to estimate employment at 40 million. ²³ The Greater Pearl River Delta comprises Hong Kong, Macao and part of Guangdong Province (including nine municipalities, namely Dongguan, Foshan, Guangzhou, Huizhou, Jiangmen, Shenzhen, Zhaoqing, Zhongshan and Zhuhai). ²⁴ Economic development zone. ²⁵ Industrial processing zones. ²⁶ Zones considered as export processing zones or bonded warehouses. ²⁷ Zones considered as export processing zones or bonded warehouses. ²⁸ Business Incubator Center and a craft center. ²⁹ Tourism free economic zone. ³⁰ Science and technology parks. ³¹ Territories of preferential development. ³² Trade development zones.

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