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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE ILO-OECD ROUNDTABLE ON RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE TEXTILE AND GARMENT SECTOR

*29- 30 SEPTEMBER 2014*

**Venue:** OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris, France.

**Objective and format:** The ILO-OECD High-Level Roundtable is intended to provide a forum for dialogue between governments, private sector, trade unions and civil society organizations on building responsible supply chains of the textile and garment that contribute to growth, development and decent work, in line with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the principles of the ILO Tripartite Declaration concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy. The Roundtable will be held in Paris on 29 -30 September 2014, inclusive.

### Day 1 – 29 September 2014

**10:00 – 11:30**

**Welcome remarks**  
**Opening addresses**

**11:30 – 11:45**

***Break***

**11:45 – 13:15**

**Tripartite action at the country level: experience from Bangladesh**

This session will focus on how a tripartite approach based on agreement among the government, employers' and workers' organisations can effectively address deficits in decent working conditions. It will examine the contribution of the National Tripartite Plan of Action on Fire Safety for the Ready Made Garment Sector and other significant initiatives to assure workers' safety in Bangladesh.

**13:15 – 14:45**

***Lunch***

14:45 – 16:30

**The supply chain of the textile and garment sector: challenges and opportunities for responsible business conduct**

During this session, panellists are invited to discuss the major challenges to responsible business conduct in global supply chains of textiles and garments and to present initiatives that are effective in tackling those challenges.

16:30 – 17:00

*Break*

17:00 – 18:45

**State duty to protect: enforcing the law and implementing standards**

This session will focus on the role of the government in protecting workers' rights through strengthened labour inspectorates, effective national tripartite bodies and the OECD National Contact Points.

18:45

*Reception*

**Day 2 – 30 September 2014**

09:00 – 10:00

**Due diligence in the textile and garment sector**

This session is divided into sub-sessions regarding management systems and policies, risk assessments and social compliance schemes. In each session, case studies are provided on how due diligence is applied in the supply chains of the textile and garment sector. Presentations will focus on the systems put in place and challenges and opportunities related to these systems.

**A) Creating management systems and adopting policies**

Topics for this session include adopting a policy on responsible textile and garment supply chains, strengthening company management systems (e.g. building internal due diligence capacity, communicating with suppliers on due diligence, tracking and database systems for suppliers and other information on supply chains) and putting in place effective whistle-blowing or grievance mechanisms.

**10:00 – 11:15**

**B) Risk assessments and management**

Topics for this session include undertaking risk assessments, including how to identify risks (e.g. designing red flags or other indicators of risk, the standards used and challenges encountered), designing and implementing appropriate risk management and response systems, and cooperating with industry peers, workers or other stakeholders to identify and manage risk. This session will also reflect on approaches to third party assurance or audits of due diligence practices, and the relationship between due diligence and emerging models for social dialogue and risk management.

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Break**

**11:30 – 12:30**

**Industrial relations: freedom of association and collective bargaining**

Focusing on the principles concerning industrial relations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the ILO Declaration on Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, this session will discuss the challenges and opportunities in their implementation, including in the context of due diligence requirements.

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00-15:30**

**Fair pricing and placement of orders**

This session will seek to provide participants with concrete examples of how pricing and placement of orders affects working conditions of suppliers, and the risk management approaches used to identify, prevent and mitigate adverse impacts.

**15:30 – 15:45**

**Break**

**15:45 – 17:00**

**Child labour in textile and garment supply chains**

This session will seek to highlight global approaches to eradicate child labour from garment supply chains, both in the production of raw materials, such as cotton, as well as garment manufacturing.

**17:00- 18:00**

**Closing Remarks**

The closing remarks will summarise the main points discussed during the various sessions and solicit participants input on any next steps to be taken and the roles of the OECD and ILO in that regard.