

**Governments strongly recommend International Companies
contribute to Rana Plaza Donors Trust Fund**

- Commemorating the victims of the Rana Plaza collapse which shocked the world on the 24th of April 2013;
- Acknowledging the major efforts of the international community, sourcing brands and retailers, the ILO, the EU, the governments, the employers and many local stakeholders in Bangladesh for providing assistance to the victims;
- Welcoming the establishment of the Rana Plaza Donors Trust fund for compensation for victims, while unfortunately noting that the Trust fund needs \$ 40 mln to fully compensate the victims, but has only \$ 17 mln in stock so far, nearly half of which has been given by one company alone;
- Acknowledging the registration of claims, the agreed procedure and the start of compensation payments by the Trust fund;
- Acknowledging the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh and the efforts made by its signatories towards its implementation and noting the Accord Communiqué (7th March 2014) which invites all of its signatory companies, irrespective of whether they had any sourcing links to Rana Plaza, to also contribute to the Trust Fund;
- Appreciating that several international companies that sourced in Rana Plaza, and even companies that did not source in Rana Plaza, donated generously to the Trust fund, while regretting that other companies, some of which have been sourcing at Rana Plaza, didn't contribute at all or not enough;
- Recognizing that the international companies' contributions are voluntary; and
- Noting that the lack of compensation for the victims weaken the improvements realized up to now in Bangladesh;

We therefore firmly recommend all companies that sourced in Rana Plaza donate generously to the Trust fund, either for the first time or with a second contribution to come to an appropriate amount.

Finally we also urge the Government of Bangladesh and the BGMEA to increase their contribution and ensure their public accountability.

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