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The Honourable Sheikh Hasina,
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CC: Mr Guy Ryder, Director General of International Labour Office (ILO)

IndustriALL calls upon the Government of Bangladesh to guarantee that the Accord is able to continue its work unconditionally in Bangladesh

Dear Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,

I am writing this letter to you as General Secretary of IndustriALL Global Union, representing more than fifty million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing industries, including garment, in some 140 countries worldwide, to call upon the Government of Bangladesh to guarantee that the Accord is able to continue its work unconditionally in Bangladesh until such time as there is a national regulatory body with the capacity to take over its functions.

The Bangladesh Accord, established following the collapse of Rana Plaza in order to guarantee the safety of garment factories in Bangladesh, has been crucial in ensuring that textile and garment workers' lives are not lost. The Accord has identified more than 100,000 fire, building and electrical hazards of which 89 per cent have been rectified. Over two million workers have participated in safety training in over 1,000 factories.

We hope that the Government of Bangladesh can soon develop a robust national public health and safety inspection system. Nevertheless, until such time arrives, the Accord must continue to play a fundamental role in protecting the lives of millions of workers.

Therefore, on my behalf and also on behalf of more than two hundred union leaders, who met last week in Mexico as members of our global executive committee, we urge your Government to guarantee that the Accord—under the agreement of more than two hundred brands that source from Bangladesh—is able to continue its work in the country.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Valter Sanches, General Secretary