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Ms. Mohn Nihm President NIFTUC

Dear Sister Mohn Nihm,

On behalf of 1.45 million members of UA ZENSEN, I stand in full solidarity with our sisters in Cambodia who gather on the International Women's day asking for a decent minimum wage.

Women make up about 80 percent of workers in the garment industry in Cambodia, which is the country's largest source of export earnings. We are gravely concerned that those women workers are enduring long working hours, poor health and safety conditions in order to send money their families in the country side. It is a basic human right of workers to demand and receive a living wage consistent with the rising cost of living.

We extend best wishes for the great success of the Women's Forum on Wages.

In solidarity,

Akiko Gono

Chair, Industriall Asia-Pacific Region Women's Committee and

Director, International Affairs Bureau, UA ZENSEN