



BETTER WORK
Jordan

**STATEMENT OF THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BETTER WORK JORDAN ON THE
RELEASE OF THE 5th ILO COMPLIANCE SYNTHESIS REPORT ON WORKING CONDITIONS IN
JORDAN'S GARMENT SECTOR**

1. On December 18, 2013, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of the ILO *Better Work Jordan* programme met in Amman to review the 5th ILO Compliance Synthesis Report on Working Conditions in Jordan's Garment Industry. The PAC comprises representatives from the government (Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Industry and Trade), employers (Jordan Garments, Accessories & Textiles Exporters' Association, Foreign Investors Association and Chamber of Industries), and workers (General Trade Union of Workers in Textile, Garment & Clothing Industries and the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions).
2. The PAC welcomes the release of this public report, the fifth such report produced by *Better Work Jordan*, which presents information on working conditions based on the findings of 55 factory assessments conducted by *Better Work Jordan* between October 2012 and September 2013.
3. The PAC is encouraged by the fact that the data in this report once again indicates that the provision of *Better Work Jordan* core services (assessment, advisory, and training) at the enterprise level creates an ongoing process of measurable improvement in compliance with national labour law and ILO core labour standards in most factories.
4. The issue of factory public disclosure was discussed and important concerns were expressed. The discussion will continue at future PAC meetings.
5. The PAC re-affirms its full support for the *Better Work Jordan* programme and call upon all stakeholders to continue to help make progress in improving working conditions in Jordan's garment sector. The PAC notes that USAID funding for the *Better Work Jordan* programme will end on 31 July 2014 and calls on international donors to continue to provide funding until 31 December 2016 in order to complete the 3-year transition process to a national entity, which will begin on 1 January 2014.
6. The PAC recognizes the efforts made by *Better Work Jordan* to facilitate a process involving all key stakeholders to develop and implement a National Strategy for the Garment Industry and calls on *Better Work Jordan* to support the National Team in the Garment Sector in its work to complete the National Strategy.
7. The PAC notes that the number of international buyers sourcing from Jordan is increasing and calls on international buyers to deepen their support for the Jordan garment industry by increasing orders with participating factories in response to the progress made improving working conditions. The PAC encourages all international buyers sourcing from Jordan, both current and new, to participate in the *Better Work Jordan* programme and by doing so to reduce their own factory compliance audits thereby reducing duplication. The PAC call on *Better Work Jordan* to conduct a survey of the current compliance auditing practices of international brands participating in the *Better Work Jordan* programme during the first quarter of 2014.

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