

**STATEMENT OF THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BETTER WORK VIETNAM ON THE
RELEASE OF THE 4th COMPLIANCE SYNTHESIS REPORT ON WORKING CONDITIONS IN
VIETNAM'S GARMENT SECTOR**

1. On April 4th, 2012, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Better Work Vietnam programme met in Ho Chi Minh City to review the 4th Compliance Synthesis Report on Working Conditions in Vietnam's Garment Industry. The PAC comprises representatives from the government (Ministry of Labour – Invalid and Social Affairs – MoLISA), employers (Vietnam Chamber of Commercial and Industries - VCCI) and workers (Vietnam General Confederation of Labour - VGCL).
2. The members of the PAC welcome the release of this report which presents information on working conditions based on the findings of the 120 factory assessments conducted by Better Work Vietnam between January 2011 – January 2012.
3. We appreciate the results and impacts of the BWV program in helping apparel factories improve compliance with the labor law and therefore, enhancing business competitiveness and improving workers lives. Better Work Vietnam's assessment reports and advisory approaches are largely consistent with the types of issues found by tripartite partners.
4. This report confirms the PAC's conclusion that the participation of the trade union and workers in creating improvement plans and solving non-compliant issues is enhanced through the formation of Performance Improvement Consultative Committees (PICCs) and the promotion of social dialogue in Better Work Vietnam factories.
5. We express our support for the Better Work Vietnam programme and call upon all stakeholders to continue to help make progress in improving working conditions in Vietnam's garment sector.

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