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IOE CALLS FOR FOCUS ON TRIPARTITE PROCESS IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS IN BANGLADESH

Employers have been closely following the tragic events in Bangladesh that have resulted in the deaths of more than 1,000 people, mainly working people. IOE reiterates its deep regret and sadness and wishes to express its solidarity towards the victims and their families. **Efforts must now be intensified to ensure that these kinds of tragedies are not repeated.**

The problems culminating in the Rana Plaza Building collapse affect more than one sector of Bangladesh's economy, not only the garment sector. Fire safety and issues of health and safety generally are applicable across sectors and across business size, whether it produces for export or for domestic consumption.

This is why IOE supports the action plan the ILO created after broad tripartite consultation with the Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF), Workers and Government, following its high level mission to Bangladesh.

IOE calls on donor governments to provide the ILO with the resources necessary to implement the plan of action and in doing so to respond to the needs of constituents in Bangladesh that they have themselves identified.

Things must change on the ground to ensure such events are prevented in the future. To enable this, the ILO provides a mechanism to ensure all social partners and government at local level are involved in realising improvements.

IOE will move forward with the ILO in supporting action in Bangladesh.

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