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Honourable Prime Minister
Dhaka
Bangladesh

Honourable Prime Minister:

We are extremely disappointed by the announcement of the minimum wage figure of 5300 Takas by the Bangladeshi government.

The increase is insufficient to support the basic needs of the garment workers and their families, and does not cover the huge increase in living costs that have taken place in the last few years. The extremely low wage and the terrible working conditions are at the root of the workers' unrest and misery in Bangladesh.

The workers' organisations' demand of 8000 Takas is modest and the minimum survival wage possible for workers in Bangladesh.

We request your Honourable office to consider the tragic conditions of the workers. We respectfully urge the Bangladeshi government to raise the minimum wage to 8000 Takas as proposed by labour organisations.

We are aware that the garment industry is a very important industry in Bangladesh and our requests above are meant to help put the industry on a more solid footing internationally, both from the perspective of industry's needs and workers' human rights.

We look forward to getting your reply.

Sincerely,

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