



**STATEMENT OF THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF *BETTER FACTORIES CAMBODIA* ON THE RELEASE OF THE NINETEENTH ILO SYNTHESIS REPORT ON WORKING CONDITIONS IN CAMBODIA'S GARMENT SECTOR**

1. On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of the ILO *Better Factories Cambodia* project met in Phnom Penh to review and endorse the Nineteenth ILO Synthesis Report on working conditions in Cambodia's Garment Industry. The PAC comprises representatives from the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia and Cambodian trade unions.
2. The members of the PAC welcome the release of this report which presents information on working conditions generated using the automated Information Management System (IMS) of the project.
3. We note with pleasure the progress made in improving the working conditions even if there still are some improvements to be made in the area of fundamental rights and principles at work. We are encouraged by the fact that there have been improvements in compliance with the labour law and international standards in all major categories of working conditions (contracts, wages, hours, leave, welfare, labour relations and OSH).
4. We note with regret that for all strikes recorded, workers failed to comply with one or more legal requirements.
5. We continue to express our support to the ILO project and call upon all stakeholders to continue to help make progress in improving working conditions in Cambodia's garment sector.

Phnom Penh, 27 November 2007