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

1. On 20 June 2008, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of the ILO *Better Factories Cambodia* project met in Phnom Penh to review and endorse the Twentieth 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 continued high levels of compliance, and in particular with wage payments for regular workers, even if there still are some improvements to be made regarding payment of wages for casual workers. We also are encouraged by the fact that there has been some improvement in assuring workers' right to freedom of association.
4. We note with regret that for nearly all strikes recorded, workers failed to comply with one or more legal requirements, but we are encouraged to see some progress in this area.
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, 20 June 2008