



International Trade Union Confederation

Anti-Slavery International



## Memorandum of Understanding between the International Trade Union Confederation and Anti-Slavery International on Building a Global Trade Union Alliance to Combat Forced Labour and Trafficking

The ITUC and Anti-Slavery International both recognise the fact that slavery or any modern day equivalent has no place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and attach the utmost importance to its early and complete eradication. Contemporary forms of slavery include forced labour, debt bondage, the unconditional worst forms of child labour and human trafficking.

Anti-Slavery International recognises the important labour dimension of the issues at stake as well as the prominent role that trade unions play in labour relations. Therefore together with the ITUC, Anti-Slavery International urges trade unions across the world to include the fight against all modern forms of slavery in their trade union policies, strategies and activities. Both organisations firmly believe that the involvement of trade unions is vital to the effectiveness of any initiative aimed at eradicating forced labour and other forms of labour exploitation and therefore urges all stakeholders to involve trade unions in any initiatives they undertake to combat forced labour and trafficking.

The ITUC recognises the experience and the expertise of Anti-Slavery International in this area and will strengthen and further develop its cooperation with this organisation to build its Global Trade Union Alliance to Combat Forced Labour and Trafficking. By working closely with the network of NGOs and other partner organisation connected to Anti-Slavery International, ITUC will ensure that trade unions globally can benefit from existing knowledge and experience and develop the specific role for unions in combating forced labour. The ITUC commits itself to involving, as far as possible, NGO partners in awareness raising activities, training seminars and outreach projects mounted in the framework of the action plan to build a Global Trade Union Alliance to Combat Forced Labour and Trafficking. Likewise Anti-Slavery commits to maximising trade unions involvement as appropriate in its activities to allow its partners to benefit from the experience and expertise of trade unions in labour market issues.

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