



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

Meeting with Anti-Slavery International

17/11/2022

MINUTES

Participants:

Art.4(1)(b)	World Uyghur Congress	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	EJF	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	Freedom Collaborative	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	Uyghur Human Rights Project	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	Clean Clothes Campaign	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	ECCHR	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	FTAO	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	La Strada	Art.4(1)(b)
Art.4(1)(b)	Anti-Slavery International	Art.4(1)(b)

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 Pierre-Arnaud PROUX, Member CAB-VESTAGER

Minutes of the meeting:

The Commission has put forward a proposal banning of products made with forced labour from the EU market. Some questions were raised regarding some aspects of the proposal: the role of due diligence in the pre-investigation phase (should not be a shield against opening an investigation), remediation to workers that are victims of forced labour, the fact that the root causes of modern slavery need to be addressed, the possibility to establish region-wide bans.

The Commission took note of the points raised by the stakeholders, updated them on the interinstitutional process and explain the risk-based approach of the proposal, covering all products without targeting specific companies or industries.

Topics: forced labour

TRN:

World Uyghur Congress - 25155107085-31

EJF - 817535514065-10

Freedom Collaborative - 869324348179-89

Clean Clothes Campaign - 714466824568-72

ECCHR - 674990548048-84

FTAO - 860901940087-20

La Strada - 701072646317-95

Anti-Slavery International - 464644816865-02

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