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Subject: Commissioner Breton - Don't lose the thread - 23 March 2022

Meeting between Commissioner Thierry Breton and a group of civil society organisations regarding the need for high ambition in the upcoming EU strategy for sustainable textiles (“Don’t lose the thread” campaign)

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Participants:

-  European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
-  IndustriAll Europe
-  Clean Clothes Campaign
-  Fashion Revolution
-  Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)
-  Fair Trade Advocacy Office (FTAO)
-  Traidcraft Exchange

Commissioner Breton thanked the participants for reaching out. He took note of the views of the participants according to which the upcoming EU textile strategy should cover the following:

- EU-wide quantitative targets to improve environmental and carbon footprint of textiles consumption and foster circular economy.
- Ban of the destruction of unsold/returned durable goods and a clearly defined path on how this obligation will be implemented.
- An Extended Producer Responsibility scheme and eco-modulation fees for textiles going beyond incentives to recycling.
- Ensuring a level playing field and addressing social and environmental concerns and unfair commercial practices.
- Improved flows and information sharing regarding environmental impacts and social aspects.
- Sustainable corporate governance and due diligence type of measures to tackle challenges in the global clothing sector.

Commissioner Breton confirmed that the strategy will be adopted on 30 March and that it is likely to address several of the points raised by the delegation.

Commissioner Breton invited the participants to continue the exchange of information.