

REPORT
Meeting with European Branded Clothing Alliance
22 April 2015, 09:00 – 12:00
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Participants:

Industry:

H&M [Art 4.1 (b)]
Grupo Cortefiel (
Ralph Lauren (
Inditex
Levi's (
VF Corporation
EBCA (

Commission (in order of appearance):

[ART 4(1)b]

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[ART 4(1)b] explained the status of discussions on Rules of Origin in negotiations with the U.S. and Vietnam. **H&M** indicated that double transformation hinders global trade and highlighted the contrast between the 'old' way of thinking of FTA negotiations and the modern ways in which textile companies were buying and selling globally. **Ralph Lauren** mentioned the need for retailers who invest in Europe and create jobs to be protected in FTAs. **Inditex** indicated it preferred to make their own declaration to an official certificate as to the traceability of their goods. On the other hand, **Levi's** underlined the importance of engaging authorities on the other side.

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