“Trade unions support the idea of establishing a fund for preventing work-based accidents in global supply chains.”

The associations of G7 country trade unions and the International Trade Union Confederation, on 23 March 2015

“We must do everything we can to prevent tragic accidents like Rana Plaza in the future. (...) The governments and companies of the G7 countries must be role models and pioneers in this field. (...) The Fund can especially help poorer countries invest in workplace safety and establish occupational accident insurance schemes.”

German Federal Labour Minister Andrea Nahles, on 9 June 2015

“Such a Fund can be helpful in preventing work related accidents especially in less developed countries.”

The associations of trade and industry of the G7 countries (Business 7), on 20 May 2015

“On behalf of France, I also support the global Fund for the prevention of work-related accidents which will provide developing countries with much needed funds.”

President François Hollande, on 11 June 2015

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OUR GOAL: VISION ZERO

One of the great challenges of our times is one we must meet together: achieving a world without serious or fatal work-related accidents or illnesses. This “Vision Zero” can only be brought about on the global level through the joint efforts of companies, governments and social partners. The seven leading industrial nations (G7) have thus proposed establishing a “Vision Zero Fund” for more joint prevention around the world with the goal of seeing as few serious work-related accidents as possible, or none at all.

“We support a Vision Zero Fund to be established in cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO)”

Summit Declaration of the Heads of State and Government, G7 Summit 7–8 June 2015 at Schloss Elmau

MAKING TANGIBLE PROGRESS TOGETHER

The Fund mobilises practical support for low-income producing countries that want to lead the way on the issue of workplace safety and health. To achieve this, international companies, local firms, social partners and governments from production and industrialised countries join forces and determine objectives together in each country. All the parties do their part: either through financial contributions, sharing know-how or committed involvement on the local level.

We have been able to secure the support of the ILO, the International Labour Organization in Geneva, which is the leading international organisation in occupational safety and health, for the implementation of the Vision Zero Fund. This makes it possible to promote the establishment of labour inspectors, public occupational safety and health structures and sustainable initiatives at company level through targeted projects for countries. Governments, social partners and companies will be involved in the governance of the Fund together with the ILO and will decide how tangible progress can be achieved.

“The great value of the Vision Zero Fund is its practical dimension. We very much hope that we can see this vision become reality, together with our G7 friends, and also around the world with the help of the social partners.”

Director-General of the ILO Guy Ryder, on 13 March 2015

“We are committed to establishing a Vision Zero Fund (...) because we believe that the issue of better working conditions has not been adequately solved in many countries in Asia and Africa. I believe that this issue will continue to play a major role in coming years.”

Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel, after the G7 Summit on 8 June 2015

“We have had in-depth talks about the supply chain. It cannot be right that we in our part of Europe are sometimes positively wallowing in prosperity when social dumping around the world means that others are financing this prosperity. We need fair conditions, environmental standards and employee rights for everyone. And we are working on it.”

President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, after the G7 Summit on 8 June 2015