

## Petition for Protection and Just Compensation for Bangladeshi Workers

**Whereas**

International companies manufacturing garments in Bangladesh (directly or through contractors) and governments allowing the import of Bangladeshi made goods into their markets have responsibility for ensuring that those goods are produced in safe workplaces and for ensuring the right of workers in those workplaces to just and expeditious compensation if they are killed or injured;

**We the undersigned request:**

1. That the Canadian government create a \$10 million compensation fund for workers injured and for families of workers killed in the April 24, 2013 collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Savar, Bangladesh. Companies operating in Canada which direct the production of garments by workers in Bangladesh and companies operating in Canada which sell garments produced in Bangladesh should be required to contribute to the creation of this compensation fund.

2. That the Canadian Government only allow garments manufactured in Bangladesh to be imported for the Canadian market only when there is independent and authoritative verification of those goods having been produced under the following conditions:

- a) In buildings that meet professionally engineered building construction and maintenance codes and fire prevention, control and protection codes and which are subject to rigorous monitoring and inspection for ongoing building code and fire code compliance;
- b) by companies and subcontractors which have liability insurance with coverage for providing just and expeditious compensation for workers killed or injured on the job

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