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### To: Members of the Council

## <u>Sub : Virtual Meet on prevention of Child Labour jointly with ETI, EFSI &</u> <u>TEXPROCIL- reg.</u>

#### Dear Member,

This is to inform you that The Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) of the United States Department of Labour (USDoL) maintains a list of goods and their source countries which it has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards, as required under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2005.

Failure to take appropriate action in eradicating child labour / forced labour may lead to restrictions in import of goods made by sectors allegedly employing child labour and / or forced labour. The most recent example of this are the restrictions imposed on Xingjian Cotton being produced by China by the US Govt. In the list published on September 30, 2020 following products produced in India have been included in the list of items being made by child labour/forced labour

- I. Cotton seed (hybrid) Child labour & forced labour
- II. Cotton : Child labour
- III. Thread/Yarn : Child Labour

Members are advised to create more awareness with regard to child labour in their respective HR department, conduct frequent internal audit, external audit and encourage more buyers audit to monitor and ensure that no child labour is being employed.

In order to sensitise the stakeholders in the cotton textile value chain, TEXPROCIL along with, SIMA, Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI), The Employees Federation of Southern India (EFSI) is organizing a virtual meet through Zoom platform **on Tuesday, the 30th of March, 2021 between 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm.** 

The link to join the meeting is given below:

Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83586872936

Meeting ID: <u>835 8687 2936</u>

The program schedule is attached (click here).

Members are requested to join the meeting so that necessary steps can be taken to eradicate all forms of Child Labour from the cotton textile value chain.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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