THE TEXTILE SECTOR NEEDS TO CHANGE

BIG PROBLEMS

LOW PRICES FOR CLOTHES & TEXTILES  INCREASED TIME-PRESSURE  POOR PAYMENT TERMS

BAD PURCHASING PRACTICES LEAD TO POVERTY & POWER IMBALANCES

LOW AND UNCERTAIN INCOMES FOR FARMERS  LABOUR RIGHTS ABUSES IN FACTORIES

ENVIROMENTAL DAMAGE

RESOURCE USE  EMISIONS  CHEMICAL POLLUTION
WATER  LAND  ENERGY

EMISSIONS
BIODIVERSITY LOSS
WASTE

CHEMICAL POLLUTION

BIO DIVERSITY LOSS
WASTE
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#### BIG SOLUTIONS

**What the EU can do**

#### 1. Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence for Textiles

- Covers all companies
- Support mechanisms for SMEs
- Mandatory annual implementation reports
- Disclosure of production, processing and manufacturing sites
- Participation of workers
- Covers purchasing practices

#### 2. Legally Binding Requirements for Sustainable Design

- **Less Waste and Pollution**
- **Durable, Repairable, Re-Usable**

#### 3. Transparency and Traceability Are Essential

- Information on the production process: working conditions, factory location
- Information on environmental impact: recyclability, chemicals, carbon footprint...
**4. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

**EUR 8.6 billion** spent on public sector textile and workwear procurement across the EU.

- Pilot scheme for mandatory green and fair public procurement

**5. LEGISLATION ON UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES IN THE TEXTILE SECTOR**

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**6. A QUANTITATIVE TARGET FOR TEXTILE WASTE REDUCTION**

Coupled with
A commitment to high-quality, textile to-textile recycling

**7. PROMOTING INNOVATIVE CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS**

Promote durable, high quality, Stable and long term business Relationships

Expand the re-use of textiles
By supporting social enterprises
And re-use operators
8. EU COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS IN PRODUCER COUNTRIES: STRENGTHEN LABOUR LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**HOW**

- Linking higher standards to incentives and market access
- Focus on multi-stakeholder solutions
- Locally-specific solutions
- Strengthening the bargaining power of workers and farmers

9. TRADE POLICY: USE THE EU’S LEVERAGE TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS:** Enforceable trade and sustainable development chapters

**GSP MECHANISM:** Strengthened social and environmental conditions

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