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‘Joined up’ approach needed in Bangladesh

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ETI Director Dan Rees today called for a ‘joined up’ approach to resolving poor working conditions in Bangladesh. He said on Radio5 Live’s ‘Wake up to Money’ programme this morning (8 December):

“War on Want has raised serious allegations, which we have advised our member companies to promptly investigate. The more information War on Want can provide them to do so, the better.

“Up to 15 million people in Bangladesh rely in one way or another on the garment sector as a source of income and it is vital that brands stay in Bangladesh and support the industry.

“To change the situation across the board, which is what’s required, we need to engage with the entire industry, including Government. ETI members have been reaching out to the Bangladesh Government and industry and to brands around the world to try and get a joined up approach”

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Notes:

1. War on Want’s report ‘Fashion Victims: the true cost of cheap clothes at Primark, Asda and Tesco’ was released today 8 December.
2. The Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) was established in 1998 to improve the lives of workers around the world who produce goods for the UK market. We believe that companies producing, supplying and selling these goods should observe national and international labour laws. Our purpose is to identify and promote responsible corporate practice that will help to make this a reality. We are an alliance of international business, trade union and non-governmental organisations. www.ethicaltrade.org.uk