



WORKER RIGHTS CONSORTIUM

Annual Meeting of the WRC University Caucus

Suite 1300, Harris Building, 3300 Whitehaven St. NW

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

8:30 a.m. Light breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

9:15 a.m. **Worker Rights Consortium: 2011-2012**

A summary of the WRC's work around the world over the last year, including new factory cases and projects and updates on ongoing work. Topics will include: PT Kizone (Indonesia), Genesis (Haiti), Gildan Dortex (Dominican Republic), continuing implementation of the Nike and Russell Accords, developments at the Alta Gracia factory, and other cases/issues.

Presentation by Executive Director Scott Nova and WRC Staff

10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. **Designated Suppliers Program**

An update regarding the status of the Designated Suppliers Program. We will discuss the favorable Business Review letter issued by the Department of Justice in December and the implications for universities.

Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC General Counsel, Ben Hensler

12:15 p.m. **Fire Safety in Bangladesh: Recent Agreement between Phillips-Van Heusen and Labor Rights Advocates**

There is an ongoing worker safety crisis in Bangladesh, with hundreds of garment workers killed in recent years in preventable factory fires. The WRC, along with worker advocates in Bangladesh and internationally, has reached an agreement with Phillips-Van Heusen to implement a comprehensive fire safety program in the country's garment sector. The discussion will focus on the details of the

agreement, next steps for implementation and potential participation by university licensees.

Presentation by Scott Nova; Guest Presentation by Marcela Manubens, Senior Vice President, Phillips-Van Heusen (by phone)

1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Labor Rights Crisis in Bangladesh**

Guest Speaker: Kalpona Akter, Bangladeshi Labor Rights Advocate

Ms. Akter will discuss the labor rights environment for garment workers in Bangladesh and efforts to improve conditions. She will also discuss the Bangladesh government's ongoing campaign of repression against her and her colleagues in retaliation for their efforts to achieve greater respect for workplace rights, including the murder of Aminul Islam.

2:45 p.m. **WRC Model Code of Conduct**

A discussion of possible enhancements to the WRC's Model Code of Conduct. The WRC's Model Code is a set of non-binding recommendations on code language for affiliate universities. We will discuss possible changes to the code based on input from a special committee of the WRC's Board of Directors.

Presentation by Ben Hensler

3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30 p.m. **Open Discussion**

This is an opportunity to discuss any issues, projects and/or cases of interest to meeting participants.

4:15 p.m. **Wrap-Up and Adjournment**