Benetton Group's response

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Benetton Group to respond to the following items:

- "Morocco garment workers stand strong against union busting", Solidarity Center, 7 August 2020: https://www.solidaritycenter.org/morocco-garment-workers-stand-strong-against-union-busting/

Benetton Group sent the following response:

"As regards your request to respond to the issue you sent us, we would like to underline that Benetton Group first commitment in the field of human rights is to the people who work for the Group all around the world. Work safety, non-discrimination and freedom of association are very important for us and over the years, we have implemented a series of procedures and initiatives designed to ensure that all those involved in our supply chain are treated fairly and correctly.

Any individual or company that establishes a business relationship with us undertakes to comply with the Benetton Group's Code of Conduct, founded on compliance with human rights and protection of the environment. To support suppliers in the operational implementation of the requirements of the Code of Conduct, the Company circulated the Guidelines for the Benetton Group Code of Conduct for Manufacturers, specifying Benetton's expectations regarding safety in the workplace, respect for workers' rights and environmental protection.

Anyway following your request, we contacted Miroglio Maroc to verify the specific issue you highlighted and to assure the correct implementation of the Benetton Code of Conduct requirements in the respect of local labor law. They sent us clarifications about the fact, and they sent them also to Industriall, that contacted the supplier previously for the same issue.

We will of course continue monitoring this specific situation carefully and, as a further measure, we will get in contact with Industriall about this."