**Amazon response regarding Turkmen cotton**

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Amazon to respond to the following item:*

# *- «Are Amazon, Walmart, and eBay’s online 'marketplaces' providing a refuge for goods made with forced labor?»,  Charlotte Tate and Eric Gottwald, International Labor Rights Forum, 31 January 2019*

<http://news.trust.org/item/20190131140231-5r6g0>

*In response, Amazon sent the following statement:*

**Statement**

Third-party sellers are required to comply with all relevant laws, regulations, and policies when listing items for sale in our store. Those who do not will be subject to action, including potential removal of their account. Items produced in whole or in part by forced labor, such as cotton from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, are prohibited by Amazon. The items in question are no longer available.

an Amazon spokesperson