

OTHER TRANSNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

In recent years, a new type of transnational agreements has developed. These agreements focus on activities in specific countries but the scope of their commitments extends to multinationals, principals, buyers or importers beyond the specific countries they apply to. We list them here.

Name of the initiative	Signatories	Date of signature	Sector	Scope	Key objectives	Duration
Framework agreement between Vinci - QDVC (Qatari subsidiary of Vinci) - BWI (Building and Wood Workers' International) ¹	French Vinci headquarter, its Qatari subsidiary QDVC and BWI	21 November 2017	Building	migrant workers employed by QDVC and its sub-contractors in Qatar	The agreement: 1. Formalises QDVC's commitments regarding workers' rights and welfare, encompassing: • labour migration and recruitment practices; • working conditions; • living conditions; • subcontractors' practices on workers' rights; • co-contractors; • grievance mechanism. 2. Defines the reporting process and early-warning mechanism that the parties can use.	Indefinite term
Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh ²	Signatories include 170 apparel brands, retailers and importers from over 20 countries, two global trade unions and eight Bangladesh trade unions as well as four NGO witnesses - see the list of the signatories here: http://bangladeshaccord.org/signatories/	First signed in May 2013, renewed in May 2018	Textile and garment sector	all suppliers producing for the signatory companies in Bangladesh	The agreement consists of six key components: - A five year legally binding agreement between brands and trade unions to ensure a safe working environment in the Bangladeshi RMG industry - An independent inspection program supported by brands in which workers and trade unions are involved - Public disclosure of all factories, inspection reports and corrective action plans (CAP) - A commitment by signatory brands to ensure sufficient funds are available for remediation and to maintain sourcing relationships - Democratically elected health and safety	Until May 31, 2021

¹ To see the agreement: [https://www.vinci.com/commun/communiqués.nsf/04438CA8C4A62422C12581DF00384D96/\\$file/Accord-cadre-En.pdf](https://www.vinci.com/commun/communiqués.nsf/04438CA8C4A62422C12581DF00384D96/$file/Accord-cadre-En.pdf)

² To see the agreement: <http://bangladeshaccord.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-Accord-full-text.pdf> . To get more information on the initiative: <http://bangladeshaccord.org/>

					committees in all factories to identify and act on health and safety risks - Worker empowerment through an extensive training program, complaints mechanism and right to refuse unsafe work.	
ACT (Action, Collaboration, Transformation) - Initiative on living wage (Memorandum of Understanding) ³	IndustriALL Global Union and garment companies -to see the list of signatories https://actonlivingwages.com/members/	July 2017	Textile and garment sector	suppliers in supplying countries	The Memorandum of Understanding 'Action, Collaboration, Transformation' (ACT) – signed between member companies and IndustriALL – is the basis for the cooperation between ACT members and outlines the framework for action to establish freedom of association, collective bargaining and living wages within global supply chains.	Indefinite term

³ To see the Memorandum: <https://actonlivingwages.com/memorandum-of-understanding/> . To get more information on the initiative: <https://actonlivingwages.com/> .