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**STATEMENT REGARDING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE IN BANGLADESH**

On the sad occasion of the first anniversary of the tragedy at Rana Plaza, all of us at WRAP once again mourn the loss of the many innocent lives, and pray for all those injured or impacted by this horrific occurrence. There are simply no words to express how much sorrow this event caused, and our entire team, especially our staff in Dhaka, continues to be affected by this horrible tragedy. As a result of the brighter light this incident has shined on worker safety in Bangladesh, a large number of initiatives are now in place striving to improve the lives of those working in the country's garment industry. We hope that this increased attention on working conditions will result in sustainable improvements for the industry, and we at WRAP will also continue to play an active role in that effort as we seek to foster socially responsible manufacturing, both in Bangladesh and around the world. All of us at WRAP mourn those who were lost that day, and we rededicate ourselves to working to ensure that their lives were not lost in vain and that we never again experience such a tragedy anywhere.