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**Parliamentary Questions by the member Alkaya (Socialist Party) to the Minister of Foreign Trade and Development cooperation on abuses in the Indian garment industry**

**Question 1**

Do you know the report *Labour Without Liberty - Female Migrant Workers in Bangalore's Garment Industry*?<sup>(1)</sup>

**Question 2**

How do you view the fact that two years after the publication of an earlier report on poor labour conditions in Bangalore and the investigations by various garment brands, plans for improvement are still in the making?

**Question 3**

Can you indicate whether the signing of the Sustainable Garment and Textile Covenant by the brands mentioned in the report (like C&A) has already resulted in better due diligence by these brands? If so, how can these kinds of abuses still occur in the chain?

**Question 4**

Do you share the opinion that the Sustainable Garment and Textile Covenant should lead to the prevention of these abuses by the garment brands and importers? If so, what are you going to do to realise this?

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.indianet.nl/pdf/LabourWithoutLiberty.pdf>