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Re: amfori BSCI audits of Price Jacquard Sweater Ltd.

Dear Ms. Kromjong:

I am writing on behalf of Human Rights Watch to request copies of all amfori BSCI audit reports for Prince Jacquard Sweater Ltd. since the factory was started in 2017. The factory's publicly available profile suggests that it undergoes audits using amfori BSCI's systems.¹ As you may know from news reports, workers from Prince Jacquard Sweater Ltd. have a dispute related to unpaid wages.² Shahidul Islam, the Gazipur president from the Bangladesh Garment and Industrial Workers Federation (BGIWF) was assisting workers resolve a wage dispute with the garment factory management on June 25. As he was leaving the factory, some assailants beat him to death.³

amfori BSCI reports carry sections related to social management, workers involvement and protection, fair remuneration, and freedom of association and collective bargaining. Human Rights Watch is interested in looking at the history of the audit reports of this factory to better understand what was detected, how they improved, and what precipitated the unpaid wage dispute.

We would appreciate receiving copies of all relevant amfori BSCI audit reports by July 10, 2023. amfori's response, including these reports may be reflected in forthcoming Human Rights Watch publications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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Aruna Kashyap
Associate Director, Economic Justice and Rights Division

¹ <https://ppp-bd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Prince-Jacquard-Factory-Profile1.pdf>, p. 17.

² See for example, Redwan Ahmed, "Bangladeshi labour leader beaten to death while trying to resolve dispute," *The Guardian*, June 28, 2023, <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/jun/28/shahidul-islam-bangladeshi-labour-leader-shahidul-islam-beaten-to-death-wages-dispute> (accessed July 3, 2023).

³ Ibid.