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Dear Petitioner,

On behalf of the President of the European Commission, we would like to thank you for your letter of May 2018 and join you in honouring the memory of the Rana Plaza catastrophe victims.

The Commission welcomed and responded to the European Parliament initiative report on the EU flagship initiative on the garment sector<sup>1</sup>. The response<sup>2</sup> highlights the Commission's commitment to proactively address the multifaceted challenges that lay at the root of the Rana Plaza tragedy.

In light of the complexity of the garment supply chain, we are convinced that substantive results can be achieved by mobilising different EU policies and instruments and by bringing together various stakeholders, such as partner countries, civil society, private sector and international organisations, to work on country-specific, regional or global initiatives.

Therefore, at this stage, the Commission intends to obtain the best results from following the above approach. The Commission will be monitoring and analysing these results and, at a later stage, in line with Better Regulation, will evaluate the need for new initiatives, including legislation on due diligence obligations for supply chains in the garment sector.

Yours sincerely,

Lowri Evans

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<sup>1</sup> 2016/2140(INI)

<sup>2</sup> SP(2017)472