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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Record Note of Discussion of the ESG Task Force Meeting held on 17.11.2023-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Record of discussions of the above meeting held on 17.11.2023 In Room no. 162, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The action points that emerged from the deliberations are also enclosed.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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To,

All ESG Task Force Members

## **Record Note of Discussion of the meeting of ESG Task Force held on 17.11.2023**

A meeting of the ESG Task Force, chaired by the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, constituted for engaging in deliberations with stakeholders of the textile and apparel industry in ascertaining the current status and issues in transitioning the textile industry to a sustainable and resource-efficient production system, was held on 17.11.2023 in Room No.162, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants is at **Annexure I**.

2. At the outset, a warm welcome was extended to all the participants. Shri. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, with an emphasis on the need for collaboration to harness the strength of different stakeholders for encouraging Indian textile industry in achieving global competitiveness, set the context for the meeting on following major agenda points:

- i. Forming a collaborative institutional mechanism for pushing the sustainability agenda for global competitiveness
- ii. Taking stock of the capacity-building initiatives by AEPC
- iii. Deliberation on showcasing and branding of Bharat Tex on the tagline of sustainable textiles

3. The Chairperson in his opening remarks also highlighted the magnitude of garment exports equivalent to \$15 billion of the total of above \$40 billion exports and the role of international regulations and compliances to be followed by the industry to improve its global market share to achieve the target of \$ 100 billion textile export by 2030.

4. Subsequently, Ms Manisha Kinnu, Director, NIFT Delhi, made a presentation on the proposal of Centre for Sustainable Fashion Technology (CSFT). The presentation attached as **Annexure 2**. The objective of CSFT is to become a hub for activities on sustainable fashion, undertake capacity building and training, R&D, create a repository of best sustainability practices, and facilitate sustainability-related initiatives between industry, academia, and other stakeholders.

5. The floor was then opened to all the stakeholders for their input and suggestions. Mr Kartikeya Danda, Director, Textiles Committee mentioned about the existing 60 voluntary sustainability standards in the garment sector and the need for a documentation process/scheme to address these compliances. Ms Swati Tiwari, CII mentioned the capacity-building programs already in place at CII known as the Eco-Edge initiative. The Chairperson suggested the need for concerted efforts and organizing a meeting between NIFT, AEPC, Textiles Committee, CII, and MoT to identify common deliverables instead of overlap in efforts.

6. GIZ was requested to hold a conference on sustainable practices around mid-December. PHDCCI informed about the Center of Excellence housed within their Chamber to address sustainability issues. They highlighted the two major issues that needs immediate attention, i.e., supply chain issue and mass consumer awareness. Their centre will also be holding a sustainable conference on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

7. The Chairperson then briefed the members about the upcoming Bharat Tex in February 2024 which will focus on three core areas: sustainability, resilient value chains, and making

India a global one-source destination. Shri Abhimanyu, KPMG made a short presentation on the brief contour of Bharat Tex event scheduled from 26-29 February, 2024 at New Delhi.

8. The Chairperson expressed his desire to launch the Centre for Sustainable Fashion Technology at Bharat Tex to indicate India's enthusiasm to keep the sustainability ball rolling in the T&A Sector. The discussion was then opened to the members for their suggestions. Ms Tamanna Chaturvedi, AEPC suggested creation of a compendium of global sustainability standards, in different vernacular languages, keeping in mind the different textile clusters in India and releasing it at Bharat Tex. AEPC and CITI together were of the opinion that the compendium could also include case studies of front runners and best practices being deployed in sustainability in the textile value chain.

9. Ms Bhavna Rathee, Invest India mentioned about the idea of theme pavilions at the venue and requested for recommendations, inputs and ideas on waste walls, eco-use and sustainable pavilions as well as latest technologies for the technology pavilion.

10. In his concluding remarks, the Chairperson thanked the stakeholders for their participation and appreciated their active involvement in the deliberations. He also urged for proposals and inputs from the members for the Bharat Tex as well as comments and suggestions on the CSFT before the next meeting, tentatively to be scheduled after a month.

11. The Task Force after detailed deliberations resolved to work towards the following action points:

- a. Members to share their recommendations on the draft outline of structure of the Centre for Sustainable Fashion Technology before the next meeting via email
- b. NIFT to organise a meeting with representations from AEPC, Textiles Committee, CII, and MoT to discuss about the terms of reference for the proposed centre to achieve convergence and to avoid duplication of efforts
- c. CII to share a document created by them on policy mapping, both voluntary and mandatory with the Task Force members as well as a proposal on organising a session on resilient value chains at Bharat Tex
- d. GIZ to organise a sustainability conference around 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023
- e. AEPC and CITI may start working collaboratively on developing a compendium of global sustainability standards, in different vernacular languages, as well as documenting case studies of front runners and best practices being deployed in sustainability in textile value chain
- f. All members are to share proposals on organizing workshops/sessions at Bharat Tex and may consider inviting international delegates as speakers to the event. All major players to also invite their global counterparts to be a part of Bharat Tex to make the event truly global.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.

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**Annexure-I****List of participants – meeting of ESG Task Force held on 17.11.2023**

Ministry of Textiles	1. Mr. Rohit Kansal, AS - Chairperson 2. Mr. Anil Kumar K.C, Under Secretary 3. Mr. Mohit Surana, YP 4. Ms. Devanshi Bhatnagar, YP
BIS	5. Mr Dharambeer, Joint Director
CCI	6. Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta, CMD
Textiles Committee	7. Mr. SP Verma, Secretary 8. Mr. Kartikay Dhanda, Director (Labs)
NIFT	9. Dr. Sudha Mishra, Dean 10. Ms. Manisha Kinnu, Director 11. Dr. Varsha Gupta, Chairperson (FP) 12. Dr. Archana Gandhi
Invest India	13. Ms Bhavna Rathee, Sector Expert
CITI & SIMA	14. Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, SG
AEPC	15. Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi, DSG
CII	16. Ms Swati Pandey
PHDCCI	17. Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General 18. Mr Rakesh Sangrai, Director 19. Mr Mithlesh Kumar, Senior Secretary
SGCCI	20. Mr. K. Srinivasan
Su.Re Alliance	21. Mr. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, CMAI 22. Mr. Anurag Dhoot, Senior Director, CMAI
KPMG	23. Mr. Abhimanyu Bizelwan, G&PS – Economic Growth
GIZ India	24. Dr Rossitza Krueger 25. Mr Vikash Sinha
Sattva Consulting (Virtual)	26. Ms. Mansha Bagecha, Senior Consultant 27. Mr Ojas Malpani