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## FOREWORD TO INDITEX GROUP MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SUPPLY CHAIN STATEMENT FY2025

### Reporting Entity

**Inditex Australia Pty Ltd ACN 089 376 349 (the Company)** is the reporting entity for the purposes of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*.

This foreword introduces the relevant modern slavery statement that covers the Company's 2025 fiscal year which runs from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026.

### Principal activities and Company structure

The Company began trading on 19 April 2011 and its principal activities consist of the retailing of fashion items, mainly clothing, footwear and accessories.

Until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018, the Company was 90% owned by Zara Holding, B.V. (a company incorporated in Amsterdam) and 10% by International Brand Management Pty Ltd (IBM) (a company incorporated in Australia). On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Zara Holding B.V. purchased the remaining 10% of IBM's shares.

The Company is a subsidiary of Industria de Diseño Textil, S.A (Inditex, S.A.) (**Inditex Group**) and as such forms part of the Inditex Group.

### Group Modern Slavery Statement Attached

The attached Inditex Group Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Supply Chain Statement FY2025 (**Group Modern Slavery Statement**) covers the Company as a member of the Inditex Group as noted above. The Group Modern Slavery Statement sets out (among other things) the commitments and initiatives of the Inditex Group of Companies (which includes the Company as a member of the Inditex Group) to assess and address any risk of modern slavery practices in its operations and supply chain, including:

- a) the Inditex Group supply chains including traceability ecosystem and traceability requirements and addressing how the Inditex Group verifies compliance with its traceability requirements including the traceability audits conducted in 2025;
- b) the policies and commitments of the Inditex Group including the zero-tolerance policy on modern slavery, human trafficking, and any form of forced labour and zero tolerance for child labour;
- c) traceability, due diligence and commitment to human and labour rights;
- d) Workers at the Centre strategy;

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- e) mitigation and remediation including the main action lines of the remediation plans;
- f) Training and awareness raising; and
- g) grievance and queries mechanisms.

## Relevant Codes of Conduct and Regulations

In terms of the actions taken by the Company to assess and address the risks of modern slavery practices in the operations and supply chains of the Inditex Group, there are a number of relevant codes of conduct and regulations, which are set out in the Group Modern Slavery Statement and include the:

- a) Code of Conduct of Inditex Group (publicly available on the Inditex Group website [here](#))
- b) Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, publicly available on the Inditex Group website [here](#)
- c) Policy on Human Rights, publicly available on the Inditex Group website [here](#).
- d) Sustainability Policy, publicly available on the Inditex Group website [here](#).

As set out in the Group Modern Slavery Statement, the Inditex Group requires its suppliers to ensure compliance with the applicable codes.

## Ethical commitment

In order to be aligned to applicable best practices, the Company has implemented a global ethical commitment including ethics line and procedures, available [here](#) and the Ethics Line available [here](#).

These commitments are complemented by a whistleblowing policy relevant for Australian employees.

The Ethics Line provides a mechanism for raising questions or submitting enquiries about the Codes of Conduct of the Inditex Group and reporting breaches of the Codes of Conduct of the Inditex Group (among others).

The Inditex Group regularly reviews all its internal policies and procedures including in order to ensure compliance and also to ensure the supply chains and operations address risks of modern slavery practices.

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## Consultation for the Group Modern Slavery Statement

*In terms of consultation, there were a number of steps followed between each of the Inditex Group entities that would issue the Group Modern Slavery Statement and that is followed consistently for the production of each Group Modern Slavery Statement. The Group Modern Slavery Statement is issued by Inditex Group for and on behalf of the Inditex group of companies being both Industria de Diseño Textil, S.A. (Inditex, S.A.) and its subsidiaries (in the Group Modern Slavery Statement referred to as the "Company", "Inditex" or the "Inditex Group") and the Company. Initially, as part of the consultation process, the statement issued by the Inditex Group is prepared, among other purposes, to comply with Canada's Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act, the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act, Norway's Transparency Act and the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act and these pieces of legislation were reviewed by the Company to determine the possibility of a joint statement.*

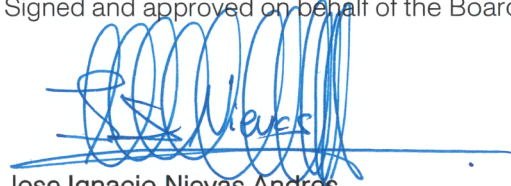
*The Modern Slavery Act (2018) and requirements for Australia were previously summarised and provided to the broader Inditex Group team addressing modern slavery.*

*A core team working group was initially established to work on the project and is engaged for the preparation of each modern slavery statement.*

*The draft Group Modern Slavery Statement was prepared at a corporate level given that, among other things, the key structure, operations and supply chains for the Company are identical to and accord with those of the Inditex Group. The risks of modern slavery practices in the key operations and key supply chains are similar for the Company and the Inditex Group. Key consideration is afforded to the conditions and risks regarding internal and external workers of suppliers that work with the Inditex Group in the broader market (and that work with the Company). The draft joint statement was prepared then provided to the Canadian, Norwegian, United States of America team, the United Kingdom team and the Company for review and comment. Feedback was provided and considered by the Inditex Group with proposals to consider. The draft statement was then finalised and signed off.*

*This statement was approved by the Board of Directors of Inditex Australia Pty Ltd.*

*Signed and approved on behalf of the Board of Directors*



Jose Ignacio Nievas Andres  
Director  
Inditex Australia Pty Ltd

Date *July 22<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

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Inditex Group Modern Slavery and  
Human Trafficking in Supply Chain  
Statement FY2025

Inditex Group is fully committed to respecting, promoting and protecting Human Rights across its entire value chain, and this forms one of the main pillars of its business model. Inditex does not tolerate any form of modern slavery, child labour or human trafficking in its organization or in its supply chain and pledges to play an active role in promoting Human rights and proactively work in respecting them. This Statement constitutes the "Inditex Group Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Supply Chain Statement" for the year ended on 31 January 2026 and refers to both Industria de Diseño Textil, S.A. (Inditex, S.A.) and its subsidiaries (the "Company", "Inditex" or the "Group").

More detail on the composition of the Inditex Group in the [Inditex Annual Report 2025](#), available on Inditex's corporate website.

This Statement has been prepared and submitted in accordance with the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth),<sup>1</sup> the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act,<sup>2</sup> Canada's Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act,<sup>3</sup> Norway's Transparency Act,<sup>4</sup> and the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act 2015.<sup>5</sup>

This Statement addresses the measures on which the Group relies to prevent, mitigate and remedy the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in its supply chain. **All Group policies, activities, and actions referenced herein are applicable to the respective reporting entities.**

## 1. About Inditex

Inditex is a global fashion, design, distribution and retail company which aims to offer its customers across 214 markets an inspiring, quality and responsibly-produced fashion proposal. The Inditex Group is a family of different commercial brands: Zara, Pull&Bear, Massimo Dutti, Bershka, Stradivarius, Oysho, Zara Home and Lefties.

The Company has implemented a business model grounded in four drivers:

- / A fashion proposal built on creativity, innovation, quality and, above all, on permanently listening to the needs and wishes of our customers.
- / An increasingly engaging shopping experience.
- / Our responsibility and commitment to sustainability.
- / Our people's talent.

In this regard, at Inditex we conduct our business within a framework of respect and transparency based on the promotion of Human rights, implementing responsible practices at every stage of the Group's activity and in

dialogue with our stakeholders. This approach aims to contribute to the transformation of our business and the textile industry.

People are the key factor in our business model: both our customers who purchase our products, and the extraordinary team that makes it all possible: our employees. At the end of the financial year 2025, our Group comprises a team of 163,047 people employed in 57 markets and representing a total of 174 nationalities.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#), available on Inditex's corporate website.

## 2. Human rights governance

Inditex has a governance structure regarding Human Rights that focuses on reinforcing its commitment to the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, and the Sustainable Development Goals. The company works to ensure data integrity, showcasing progress in these areas and contributing to the development of societies and geographical regions where it operates.

Inditex's Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for ensuring respect and protection of Human Rights, as an essential instrument for the sustainable development of the Group.

The Sustainability Committee, as an informative and advisory Board committee, is responsible for advising the Board on matters within its remit, overseeing Inditex's social and environmental sustainability strategy and practices, as well as fostering a commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals. It is also the body in charge of overseeing and monitoring sustainability proposals in terms of Human rights, social, environmental and the health and safety of products that the Group sells, and of liaising with stakeholders in the field of sustainability, including matters relating to the implementation of the Group's Human Rights strategy.

The Group has an Audit and Compliance Committee which is responsible for overseeing and assessing financial and non-financial risks, such as those arising from the Group's actions in relation to its social, environmental and other sustainability practices, including those related to Human rights.

Inditex also relies on a Sustainability and Inclusion Advisory Committee, a collegiate body composed of external independent individuals, that advise the governing bodies and the executive management on sustainability, diversity and inclusion issues. This Advisory Committee is also responsible for conveying stakeholders' expectations and demands in the field of sustainability.

Furthermore, the Ethics Committee, is the internal body reporting to the Board, through the Audit and Compliance Committee, which oversees compliance with the Code of Conduct -which applies globally to the Group's entire workforce- and the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers (hereinafter, the "Codes").

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of compliance with the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth), this report is submitted solely on behalf of Inditex Australia Pty Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of compliance with the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act, this report is submitted solely on behalf of Zara USA, Inc., Massimo Dutti USA, Bershka USA, Inc. and Inditex USA, LLC.

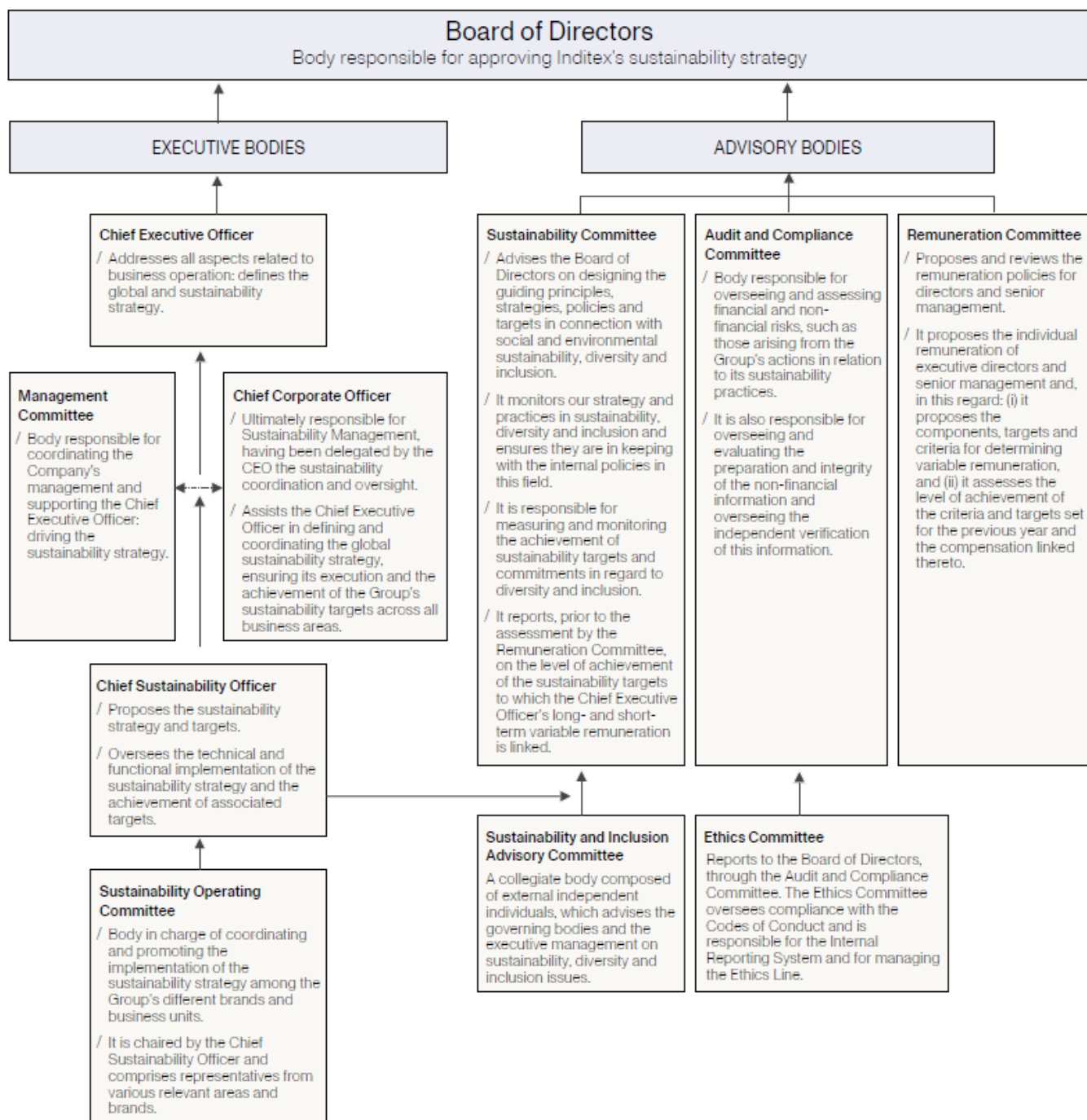
<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of compliance with the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act, this report is submitted solely on behalf of ITX Canada Ltd.

<sup>4</sup> For the purposes of compliance with the Norway's Transparency Act, this report is submitted solely on behalf of Inditex Norge AS.

<sup>5</sup> For the purposes of compliance with the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act 2015, this report is submitted solely on behalf of ITX UK.

The Ethics Committee is also responsible for managing the Ethics Line, a strictly confidential channel available to any employee, director and shareholder, as well as anyone working under the supervision and management of manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors of the Group. Through it, they may communicate queries and/or doubts about the interpretation or application of the internal rules of conduct, and infringement and other breaches of the applicable legislation, the Codes or of any other internal rule of conduct

Lastly, Inditex Group's Sustainability teams are tasked with managing and coordinating all the Group's activities aimed at ensuring compliance with Inditex's requirements, including the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, throughout the entire supply chain.



within the competence of the Ethics Committee affecting Inditex and committed by employees, manufacturers, suppliers or third parties with whom Inditex has a direct labour, commercial or professional relationship.

The Ethics Line, as a grievance mechanism, represents one of the pillars of the Group's Human Rights strategy, which is also structured by Inditex's Human Rights Policy and Due Diligence procedures.

### 3. Policies and commitments

The Inditex Group applies a zero-tolerance policy on modern slavery, human trafficking and any form of forced labour. Therefore, the Group has approved a set of internal regulations towards compliance on this matter.

### 3.1. Policies and Internal Regulations

Compliance with Inditex's policies and internal regulations is mandatory for all the companies of the Inditex Group.

#### 3.1.1. Human Rights Policy of Inditex Group

Inditex Group's Human Rights Policy was approved by the Board of Directors on 12 December 2016, following a favourable report of the Audit and Compliance Committee (formerly, the Audit and Control Committee) and the Social Advisory Board (currently, the Sustainability and Inclusion Advisory Committee), which represents the Group's stakeholders. It was recently updated in February 2024.

In the framework of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Human Rights Policy defines Inditex's stance regarding its commitment to respect internationally recognized Human rights and sets out the values and principles which guide its activities.

Notwithstanding its commitment to all Human Rights, Inditex has identified those rights more directly related to its value chain, based upon the review of its business model and the expectations of its stakeholders.

Rejection of forced labour is one of the focal points singled out in the Inditex Human Rights Policy. In this regard, such Policy reads: "The Inditex Group rejects any form of forced or compulsory labour, as defined in ILO Convention 29. This extends both to its own employees and its entire supply chain, as well as to any natural and/or legal person related to the Group. Inditex joined UN Global Compact in 2001, and adhered to its principle 4, according to which, businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory work or work done under coercion."

Furthermore, child labour is also rejected: The Inditex Group respects children's rights and rejects child labour, pursuant to the provisions of ILO Convention 138 and in accordance with the minimum working age under the relevant regulations of each country. No one under the age of 16 will be hired by the Group, unless not doing so would constitute a violation of the applicable local regulations. Likewise, pursuant to its Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, the Group forbids its suppliers and/or manufacturers to hire anyone under the age of 16. Moreover, Inditex advocates children's right to education, in line with the Children's Rights and Business Principles of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)."

Compliance with Inditex's Human Rights Policy is mandatory for the whole Group and it is enforced on third parties associated with Inditex. It has been disclosed to the different departments of the Group and it is available to all the employees on the Group's intranet as well as on the corporate website ([www.inditex.com](http://www.inditex.com)). The enforcement of the Policy involves implementing and executing due diligence processes which allow Inditex to assess and, where appropriate, regularly identify current and/or potential impacts in the field of Human Rights. Appropriate measures are also taken to prevent, monitor, mitigate or remedy any potential negative consequences and foster positive impacts throughout the entire supply chain.

More detail in the [Human Rights Policy](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

#### 3.1.2. Sustainability Policy of Inditex Group

The Sustainability Policy addresses Inditex Group's commitment to Sustainability and defines the principles assumed by the Group to integrate sustainable practices aligned with the Planetary Boundaries and respect for Human rights and other living beings' rights, across its business model, its activities and relations with Stakeholders. The Sustainability Policy was approved by the Board of Directors on 9 December 2015 and its last amendment was on 4 February 2025.

The Policy addresses:

- / The Group's commitment to Sustainability
- / The general principles and action lines for integrating sustainable practices throughout the business model and stakeholder engagement
- / The commitment to driving a transformation that contributes to the development of a fair and resilient society and a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

More detail in the [Sustainability Policy](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

#### 3.1.3. Code of Conduct of Inditex Group

The Inditex Group's Code of Conduct (also known as the "Code") is the document that establishes the Group's ethical commitments and principles of action that guide relations between people in the Group and the relations between them and the various stakeholders anywhere in the world, such as customers, suppliers, shareholders and the communities in which we operate. The Code is mandatory for all employees, including Senior Management, and the members of the management bodies of the companies that make up the Group. The Code strengthens awareness and enforcement of Inditex's ethical culture, deeply rooted in respecting Human and Labour Rights and in the effective inclusion of all employees, respecting their diversity.

In 2023, we reviewed and updated the former 'Code of Conduct and Responsible Practices' approved in 2012. One of the aims of this review process was to ensure that the Code of Conduct reflects the corporate ethical culture and the commitments undertaken by Inditex in different spheres; responds to the new regulatory realities and challenges faced by the Company; and reflects the diversity, global nature and multiculturalism of Inditex Group. The text was reviewed with all markets in which the Inditex Group has subsidiaries, with external advisors from multiple jurisdictions and with the Inditex's former Social Advisory Board (currently, Sustainability and Inclusion Committee), as the main liaison with the Group's various stakeholders. In addition, as part of this process, the European Works Council was informed. The review process culminated on 6 February 2024, with the approval of the Code by the Board of Directors.

More detail in the [Code of Conduct](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

#### 3.1.4. Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers of Inditex Group

The Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers was approved by the Board of Directors in 2001 and amended in 2012. It is enforced across the entire supply chain, including all tiers and processes and establishes the framework that governs their relationships with Inditex.

Before commencing work for Inditex, all suppliers, in order to be part of the Inditex's supply chain, must first accept and undertake to meet (and to enforce compliance by the facilities they work with) the Inditex

Minimum Requirements (IMRs). The IMRs include compliance with the Inditex Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers and the Human Rights Policy -among other policies and standards- which explicitly prohibits slavery and human trafficking, and it is based on applicable national laws and international standards in the field, with which our suppliers and manufacturers must comply.

The first section of the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers provides that: "Inditex shall not allow any form of forced or involuntary labour in their manufacturers and suppliers. They may not require their employees to make any kind of "deposits", nor are they entitled to retain employees' identity documents. Manufacturers shall acknowledge the right of their employees to leave their employer after reasonable notice."

The Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers specifies that "aspects related to such limitations will be governed by Conventions 29 and 105 of International Labour Organization (ILO)".

The Code also states that Manufacturers and Suppliers shall not employ minors. Inditex defines minors as those persons who have not yet reached their 16th birthday. In cases where local legislation stipulates a higher minimum age, the higher limit shall apply. Persons with ages between 16 and 18 years will be considered young workers. Young workers shall not work during night hours or in hazardous conditions.

Specifically, aspects related to prohibition of child labour will be developed according to Conventions 138 and 182 of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Inditex requires manufacturers and suppliers to post the Code, translated into the local language, on their premises and to appoint a management representative who is responsible for its implementation. For doing so, we provide suppliers with our Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers in more than twenty languages.

More detail in the [Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

### 3.1.5. Sustainability Stakeholder Relations Policy of Inditex Group

Inditex's Sustainability Stakeholder Relations Policy establishes the grounds for managing stakeholder engagement in connection with sustainability.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 4 February 2025, its purpose is to establish a general framework of action that enables Inditex Group to consider the expectations, opinions, inputs and innovations of Stakeholders in the Group's decision-making process, allowing for the integration of practices aligned with the respect for Human rights.

More detail in the [Sustainability Stakeholder Relations Policy](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

### 3.1.6. Criminal Risks Prevention Model of Inditex Group

Our corporate ethical culture is integrated and implemented in all our operations through the Global Compliance Model. Its purpose is to ensure compliance with the law and the ethical commitments undertaken by the Inditex Group, and to protect the Company and the interests of our stakeholders, preventing or limiting any type of legal liability. The Model is made up of fundamental corporate and high-level elements, that are developed upon in various internal rules.

As part of the Global Compliance Model, Inditex relies on a Criminal Risks Prevention Model to prevent the commission of offences under Spain's Criminal Code. It is made up of:

Policy: it describes the Model and details criminal risks to which the Group is potentially exposed due to its operations, in accordance with Spanish law and the Internal Regulations.

Procedure: it establishes the organisational measures; the roles and responsibilities in the field of control, verification and reporting of the Model, and the Ethics Committee's functions in this field.

Risk and Control Matrix: this is a catalogue of criminal risks to which the Group is inherently exposed, and an inventory of controls defined for mitigating such risks. It is continuously reviewed and updated in accordance with applicable law and Group operations.

The Criminal Risk Prevention Policy and the Risk and Control Matrix were reviewed in 2024. A risk assessment and monitoring of the controls of the Matrix has been carried out, taking into account the prioritisation of the risks they mitigate, in accordance with the previous year's assessment. Our overseeing of the Model of Criminal Risks Prevention carried out in 2024 had the support of external consultants in reviewing the evidence of the execution of the Matrix controls, which was provided by the responsible departments during the monitoring process.

More detail in the [Criminal Risk Prevention Policy](#), also available on Inditex's corporate website.

All these policies are available in both Spanish and English on our corporate website to provide access to any stakeholder, whether internal or external. Additionally, the main corporate policies are also available on the intranet (INET) in a wide range of languages.

Moreover, suppliers are provided with the policies and standards they must uphold before commencing any commercial relation with us.

More detail on our policies on Inditex's corporate website.

## 3.2. Commitments and initiatives

Inditex is part of the following commitments and initiatives, among others:

### United Nations Global Compact

Since 2001, Inditex has been a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact and it commits to respect and promote its ten universally recognized principles, which include, among others, (4) the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour and (5) the effective abolition of child labour.

### Commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Inditex is fully committed to sustainability and respect for Human rights throughout its value chain. In this regard, Inditex has committed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Inditex's sustainable strategy is aligned with the commitment to working towards the objectives set by the SDGs for 2030, which include decent work and the abolition of each of child labour; modern forms of slavery; and human trafficking.

### Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)

Inditex has been a member of this dialogue platform to improve working conditions of workers since October 2005. ETI is an alliance of companies, international trade unions, and non-governmental organizations. ETI's Base Code covers any manner of forced labour. Individual and collective initiatives to eradicate modern slavery are encouraged by the organization.

### Global Framework Agreement with IndustriALL

Since signing the Global Framework Agreement in 2007 and renewing it, first in 2014 and then 2019, we have been able to cement a set of principles based on transparency and worker empowerment, further strengthening the role played by IndustriALL Global Union affiliates in the various supplier markets. The Agreement includes a protocol, signed in 2022, that fosters social dialogue by establishing mechanisms –such as procedures for access to work centres– that strengthen the role of local trade unions and advance towards a better understanding of supply chain workers' needs.

### UNI Global Union

Inditex and UNI Global Union, which represents 20 million workers from over 150 different countries, share a Global Framework Agreement, originally signed in 2009 and renewed most recently in 2024, which covers 100% of the Group's workforce and propels, among other things, respect, the promotion of labour rights, diversity and inclusion and decent work in the sales and distribution network.

### Public-Private Partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Entered into in 2017 and renewed in 2023, the Partnership is aimed at the joint promotion between Inditex and ILO of respect for the fundamental principles and labour rights in the supply chain of the cotton sector, engaging in skill-building and raising awareness among cotton communities.

### ILO's Better Work Programme

The Better Work Programme is a platform to improve compliance with labour regulations and competitiveness of global supply chains. Inditex has been a member since October 2007. On 9 October 2013, Inditex and Better Work entered into a specific collaboration agreement whereby Inditex became a direct buyer partner of the programme.

### Shift's Business Learning Programme

Shift is a non-profit organization specializing in Human rights. Inditex takes part in its Business Learning Programme, a leading programme in the field that involves companies from all sectors in efforts to improve business practices in the field of Human rights globally, in line with international standards such as the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

### United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Inditex and UNHCR have been working together since 2020 with the common goal of meeting the clothing needs of refugees and internally displaced people. Through this strategic partnership, Inditex, in collaboration with its suppliers, supports UNHCR in its task of sheltering refugees who have been forced to abandon their homes and helping to restore their dignity.

### Tent Partnership for Refugees

Founded by Tent Foundation, a non-profit organisation, we are part of its global network of more than 200 companies that seeks to mobilise the private sector to create partnerships to improve the lives of refugees.

### Country Partnership for Zero Child Poverty (Alianza País por la Pobreza Infantil Cero)

This initiative, fostered by the Spanish Government's High Commissioner against Child Poverty, is aimed at encouraging the engagement in and the creation of partnerships between all social actors to work towards a common mission: a Spain in which all children and teenagers have the same opportunities for the future, regardless of the conditions into which they are born. Inditex joined the Partnership in January 2021.

### ACT (Action, Collaboration, Transformation)

Inditex participates in this collaboration initiative between retail brands, and trade unions to transform the textile industry and achieve living wages in the sector by means of collective bargaining and responsible purchasing practices. As a members, we have committed to the following five commitments in relation to purchasing practices: (i) train all the employees related to the purchasing process in responsible sourcing and buying, (ii) uphold fair terms of payments, (iii) better planning and forecasting, (iv) identify a product's labour component and (v) implement a responsible exit strategy when the decision is made to stop working with a supplier. We work internally on these commitments by training buyers, developing tools and materials to support the purchasing process, and through continuous collaboration and dialogue with suppliers.

More detail on our commitments and initiatives in the document [Partnerships](#), available on Inditex's corporate website.

## 4. Inditex supply chain

Manufacturing and procurement of the Group is based on socially and environmentally responsible management of the supply chain. Thus, decent working conditions are promoted for all workers of the manufacturers of our supply chain.

Our supply chain is present globally organised into ten clusters of suppliers: Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Türkiye, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, China, Vietnam and Cambodia. Through them, we are able to generate local spaces for dialogue and collaboration on the ground, allowing us to learn the perspectives and needs of stakeholders and inform our strategies and to promote sustainable production environments in a framework of respect for Human and Labour rights.

In this sense, every supplier and factory that makes up the Group's supply chain is bound to abide by the values and ethical behaviour principles central to the Group. Each Group company distributes products that are sourced through the Group's global supply chain..

In this regard, the Company's commitment to the responsible management of its supply chain requires identifying working areas where Inditex can contribute to improving the conditions of the industry in each market where Inditex operates. Inditex meets this challenge by setting and implementing policies aligned with Human Rights and the fundamental labour standards. Inditex also establishes monitoring and direct cooperation tools with its suppliers and takes part in multilateral dialogue with organizations and institutions in the field.

Overall, as of 2025 our supply chain was comprised of 6,684<sup>6</sup> non-exclusive factories not owned by Inditex which include all tiers<sup>7</sup> in 49 markets and employed more than three million people. 914 of those factories were located in the European Union, 1,161 factories were in Europe outside the EU, 29 in the Americas, 447 in Africa and 4,133 were in Asia and rest of the world.

These factories can be distributed by process as follows: 2,549 spinning, weaving, and other raw material processes, 87 cutting, 3,240 sewing, 111 dyeing and washing, 158 printing, 207 finishing and 332 non-textile products.

We see traceability as our ability to identify and trace the history, application, location and distribution of products, parts and materials<sup>8</sup>. Our suppliers must know their supply chain and work only with manufacturers and intermediaries that comply with our sustainability standards and that have been previously assessed and approved by Inditex. They must thus report which facilities and intermediaries are involved in each production process, from fibre or yarn to the final garment for each order. They must also prove the use of lower-impact raw materials<sup>9</sup>.

Our traceability efforts span our entire supply chain.

Accordingly, we have traceability management and assessment programmes. We are also working on deepening the traceability of raw materials, as achieving full traceability of this part of the supply chain is one of the challenges facing our industry.

We use various control mechanisms operating in parallel to verify compliance with our traceability requirements:

- / Designation control check: we check that our suppliers have provided information about their supply chain before a deadline.
- / Review of certificates: we check raw material certificates before approving them.
- / Traceability audits: we verify the information provided by our suppliers on site, through unannounced visits to the production facilities. This allows us to check the production processes, the production in progress and the ones completed. In 2025, 10,709 traceability audits were carried out.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 193 et seq.) and in the document [Supply chain: management to transform the sector](#), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

## 5. Due diligence process and assessing risk

Our approach is based on developing due diligence processes to detect the potential impacts of our activities on Human rights. By means of continuous interaction with our stakeholders and

sustainability teams on the ground, these processes are kept permanently up to date.

As part of our due diligence, in 2025 we carried out a saliency exercise in connection with Human rights to identify and prioritise the most significant impacts of our Company, through the analysis of our business model, purchasing practices, value chain and context, among many other aspects. The significance of the potential impacts is assessed based on their severity and likelihood, with the ultimate aim of strengthening our practices and ensuring proactive management of our impacts.

Among the several impacts assessed in this saliency exercise, forced labour, child labour and modern slavery are included.

The findings underscore the importance of matters such as health protection, fair and equal treatment and a healthy and sustainable environment, among others.

These results have been included in the materiality assessment, reviewed annually. Through this analysis, we examine both our potential impacts on the surrounding (impact materiality) and risks and opportunities for our Company (financial materiality) with the aim of identifying material impacts, risks and opportunities (IROs).

To validate the material IROs for Inditex, in 2025 we reviewed the results obtained in the 2024 exercise, when we performed a detailed double materiality assessment taking into consideration the impact's scale, scope, probability and irremediable nature, the latter in the case of negative impacts. We also examined any possible effect that the identified impact may have on Human rights.

More detail on the materiality analysis and its results in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 107, 116 et seq.), available on Inditex's corporate website.

The saliency exercise has allowed us to identify a greater susceptibility to potential Human rights violations in our supply chain.

In this regard, collaboration with stakeholders and strategic partners has been a fundamental tool for spreading the concept of sustainability throughout the supply chain. It has materialized in projects, activities, actions and partnerships to ensure that our suppliers and manufacturers work in accordance with the responsible practices and values that define the Group and address the common industry challenges from the perspective of sustainable development.

The due diligence processes that are part of the Human rights strategy involve two main focus areas: value chain and supply chain.

<sup>6</sup> Figures include factories with more than 20,000 purchases in the summer and winter 2025 campaigns. Factories in our supply chain whose production is less than 20,000 units account for 2%.

<sup>7</sup> At Inditex, we apply our policies and procedures to all the factories in our supply chain, including tier 1 factories and those above tier 1, regardless of which stage of the supply chain they belong to.

<sup>8</sup> Definition consistent with Recommendation No. 46 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, which advocates enhancing

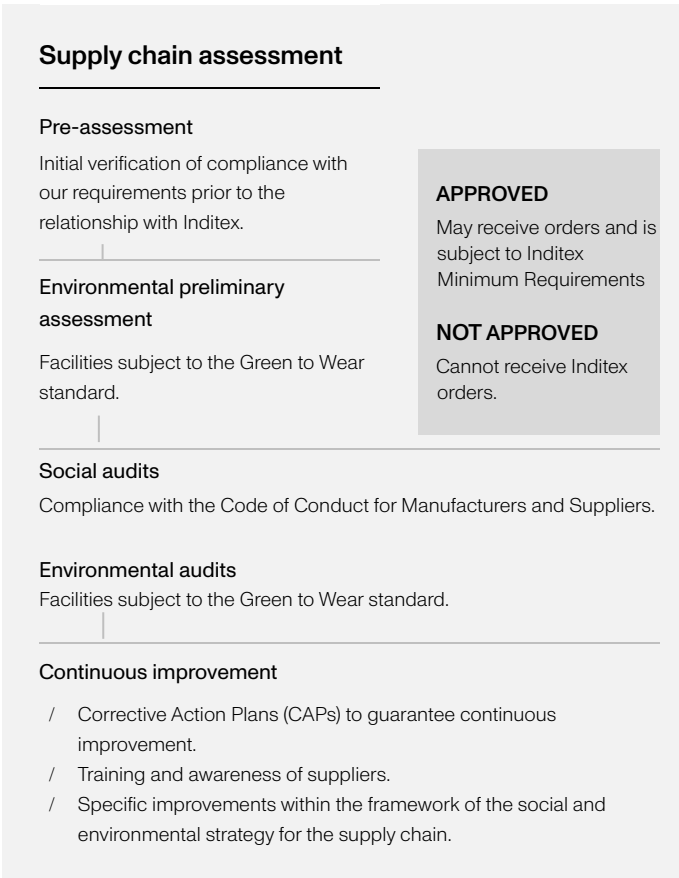
traceability and transparency of sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear sector.

<sup>9</sup> More information on the criteria that fibres or materials must meet to be classified as having a lower impact can be found in [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#), available on Inditex's corporate website.

Considering our business model, our supply chain is one of the priority areas of our overall value chain, in which we place a special focus on the promotion of and respect for workers' Human rights.

Inditex supports its social sustainability strategy with actions aimed at verifying and ensuring compliance with the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers – which states that any form of forced labour is expressly prohibited – and with international regulations. It does this in addition to working with suppliers and stakeholders to continuously improve the supply chain.

All the facilities used to produce the goods that Inditex places on the market must comply with the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers. To ensure this compliance, Inditex conducts different procedures and assessments regarding Human and Labour Rights among all of its suppliers and factories – chiefly through different types of audits.



Before a new factory proposed for working with Inditex can receive any order from the Group, it must undergo a pre-assessment audit -even if it is not direct a supplier of the Group- to verify, among other matters, that no violation of Human Rights of its workers exists, ensuring that only those who meet the Group's sustainability standards may become part of the supply chain.

During such pre-assessment audits, the prohibition of forced labour and child labour are verified. In 2025, Inditex carried out 1,815 pre-assessment audits of manufacturers who were potentially commencing business with Inditex.

Subsequently, every manufacturer in Inditex's supply chain is subject to periodic social audits. The methodology used in social audits was designed jointly with the former International Textile and Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF), (currently IndustriALL Global Union), the University of Northumbria (UK) and the Cambridge Centre for Business and Public Sector Ethics.

The main purpose of the social audits is to verify the level of compliance with the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers and to launch a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), where appropriate, to ensure respect for human and labour rights and remedy any detected noncompliance. Social audits can be conducted both by internal and external auditors, without advanced notification of the specific audit date.

Each audit includes tools, inter alia, to identify any form of forced labour, and to verify issues such as employment documentation including age verification, freedom of movement and the termination of agreements, the use of agents for recruiting staff and their relationship with the workers, including any potential payment of hiring fees, among others. 6,039 social audits were conducted in 2025.

These audits include the social audits carried out using Inditex's proprietary methodology and the audits carried out following the method of the Social & Labour Convergence Program (SLCP) initiative, of which Inditex has been a member since the inception of the Program.

Based on the results of these assessments, manufacturers receive a social ranking according to their degree of compliance with the CCMS. This ranking is progressive, so that classification "A" indicates the highest degree of compliance and "D" the lowest. Independently of the specific ranking, when non-compliances are identified, Corrective Action Plans are developed to address them, as further explained below in this document. In 2025, more than 90% of our articles were produced in facilities that obtained an A or B in their social audits.

Social audits also allow us to determine and identify the main challenges in each country in relation to the different aspects of the Code of Conduct, and this is also a valuable source of information for activities that are part of the Workers at the Centre strategy, as noticing the most critical issues in each geographic area lead to enhancing the due diligence process in the field of human rights.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 194 et seq. ) and in the document [Supply chain: management to transform the sector](#), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

5.1. Enhanced Due Diligence

Inditex also carries out enhanced due diligence to identify potential Human rights violations that may be especially complex to detect through standard social audits. If Inditex's due diligence system assesses that a potential breach of its standards exists or identifies any potential Human rights risks in its supply chain related to forced or child labour, Inditex may terminate the business relationship and/ or block the affected supplier(s) in accordance with applicable legal and compliance requirements. It encompasses a holistic approach to sustainable supply management, which includes stakeholder engagement, capacity building and constant improvement through various initiatives. Additionally, it involves an enhanced assessment of relevant corporate and commercial risk factors.

More specifically, Inditex's enhanced due diligence includes:

- / Analysing whether third parties are included on sanction lists;
- / Analysing whether third parties have corporate or commercial ties with sanctioned entities;
- / Analysis of any mentions in reports published by NGOs or other institutions;

- / Utilizing specialized Human Rights warning tools;
- / Utilizing risk assessment and compliance tools;
- / Utilizing tools for assessing reputation issues;
- / Conducting isotope testing to support supply chain traceability and raw material assessment.

Thanks to its enhanced due diligence system, the already strong control system gets reinforced, helping Inditex to identify potential risks of non-compliance with its standards.

Beyond supply chain, in line with the principles and criteria for action established in the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, at Inditex we are firmly committed to preventing compliance risks from third parties with whom Inditex maintains a direct business relationship. In this regard, the Due Diligence Policy, approved by the Board of Directors in September 2019, is designed to align the relationships with our business partners, suppliers and large customers, with the processes described in the international standard ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management Systems in organisations, as well as the regulations and the most stringent standards on anti-corruption. The due diligence process regulated by the Policy consists of the identification and analysis of all suppliers, business partners and third parties with whom Inditex engages in business relations, from the perspective of corruption, fraud, international trade sanctions and/or any other risks of a similar nature.

All third parties that initiate a commercial and/or professional relationship with Inditex are subject to a due diligence process, which is more demanding depending on certain factors, such as: (i) the total estimated purchase volume with Inditex; (ii) the market in which the third party is domiciled and carries out its main activity; (iii) the sector to which it belongs; and (iv) their degree of interrelationship with authorities and public officials.

Inditex understands the importance of identifying the potential Human rights impacts across its entire value chain and is constantly improving its processes to integrate and enhance due diligence.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 17 et seq. ) and in the document [Human Rights](#), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

have the support of other stakeholders, such as NGOs, trade unions or other civil society organisations.

- / Continuously monitoring the CAP, including competence visits or control points, so as to act with the supplier before the established deadline if progress is not fast enough.

In 2025, 410 factories begun an improvement process through our social Corrective Action. As a result of these CAPs, 43 have improved their compliance, while 311 continue in the process of improving. This translates into 43 % of the Corrective Actions Plans regarding social issues initiated and completed successfully.

### Developing a corrective action plan

Involvement throughout the process of buying teams, trade unions, NGOs or other organisations where necessary.

#### Start of the CAP

##### 1. Launch

- / Analysis of points of improvement
- / Discussing the plan and setting out correction dates

##### 2. Monitoring

- / Request/receipt/verification of evidence
- / Technical support
- / Desk review of the improvements and follow-up with the supplier and manufacturer

*Control point or competence visit*

##### 3. Monitoring audit

#### End of CAP

- / Blockage
- / New rating

## 6. Effectiveness and continuous improvement

At Inditex, we believe in continuous improvement as a key to advancing towards our goals and strategies. Management of the supply chain is also consistent with this philosophy. One of our main tools for improving the performance of suppliers and manufacturers are the Corrective Action Plans, developed when non-compliances are detected in social and environmental audits, not only to establish measures to mitigate or remedy them, but also to prevent them from occurring in the future.

The precise duration of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is determined by the non-compliances found during the audit and the period deemed necessary to address them. In the most sensitive cases—classified as being ‘Subject to Corrective Action Plan’—the plan lasts approximately six months, during which Inditex's Sustainability teams and buying teams offer constant support to suppliers and manufacturers through two channels:

- / Providing them with advice and expertise in regard to the best way to implement the corrective measures. In this regard, they may also

Specifically, CAPs comprise the following stages:

- / **Initial meeting:** at this meeting, any non-compliances detected are analysed, the action plan proposed by the supplier is discussed, and deadlines are established for the various stages of the process.
- / **Monitoring:** before conducting the competence visit or control point, a double check is carried out with the supplier or factory (in the first and second months) to ascertain whether the factory has made any improvement. The supplier action plan must be completed:
  - If non-compliances have been resolved: the improvement must be demonstrated with a clear explanation and photographic evidence or documentation, where relevant.
  - If the non-compliances have not been resolved: a justification of the reasons should be included and, if there are no reasons or if there is no plan to resolve the non-compliances, the factory will be considered to be blocked preventing any supplier making an order for Inditex at this facility.
- / **Competence visit/control point:** improvements (or lack thereof) by the factory are verified, and new findings are checked.

/ **Final monitoring:** before the follow-up audit is carried out, the auditor will check with the supplier that all improvements have been made. The supplier's action plan must be completed with the submission of a clear explanation and photographic evidence or documentation to prove it.

/ **End of CAP:** a follow-up audit is carried out to assess whether the non-compliances have been remedied and to determine the factory's new classification.

Blocking a supplier or a factory is a last resort. Inditex believes in ongoing collaboration and dialogue with our suppliers, as the basis of the mutual trust relationship that benefits both parties. Thus, the Company brings them support and collaboration so that they can improve their supply chains for the benefit of workers.

The Group is continually engaged in assessing supplier and manufacturer compliance with Inditex's policies, codes and requirements. Inditex gathers extensive data on the audits it carries out and compliance with CAPs.

Inditex's support for suppliers and factories is not limited to carrying out the Corrective Action Plans where evidence of non-compliance exists, but instead, different courses of action are followed to prevent

non-compliance and proactively seek continuous improvement. The Group seeks to have an ongoing collaboration with its suppliers while the relationship with them exists and work with them towards improving their own supply chains and promoting Human and Labour rights of their workers.

## 7. Workers at the Centre strategy

Our Workers at the Centre strategy is our primary tool to foster respect for human and labour rights of the workers of the supply chain and promote their well-being and that of their communities.

As a continuous strategy, Workers at the Centre builds on the progress and learnings of each previous phase and our saliency exercise on Human rights. For this exercise, we are using various internal and external sources of information, such as surveys, interviews with key partners such as IndustriALL or the ILO, information on the social audits of our suppliers, analysis of legislation, reports on Human rights trends and risks.

We are also harnessing our work and relationships in each of our suppliers' geographic areas. The process is carried out in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights,

### Priority Impact Areas



More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 195 et seq.) and in the document [Supply chain: management to transform the sector](#), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.



#### Living wages

Setting the conditions for the achievement of Living Wages in the Inditex supply chain



#### Respect

Promoting safe and respectful environments, free from discrimination, abuse or harassment.



#### Health

Protecting the health and safety of workers in the supply chain, and improving their well-being.



#### Resilience

Contributing to create preventive, adaptive and transformative capacities for development.

### Elements of the strategy



#### / Due Diligence

A continuous process, based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, allowing us to identify five Priority Impact Areas. These areas are synergetic and interconnected.



#### / Transformation

Transformation is a slow process and requires the commitment and collaboration of various parties. Our Workers at the Centre strategy connects us to the present and the challenges it poses, without losing sight of our ultimate goal, which is to transform the industry and communities.



#### / Equity as our focus

We make more visible and integrate the needs of the most vulnerable groups, including women, migrants and refugees.



#### / Solutions

Priority Impact Areas develop, support and combine different types of solutions and interventions to pursue their objectives: partnerships, collaborations with different stakeholders, direct interventions with suppliers or community outreach, among others.

All the approaches complement each other and, at different paces and scales, contribute to and are part of implementing the strategy.

involving all sustainability areas, local cluster teams and other Company areas. The organisation Shift, a leading centre of expertise on the UN Guiding Principles, is also involved.

The 2023-2025 phase has continued the focus on impact and engagement and has placed a stronger bias on transformation and development. In this sense, in 2023, we set ourselves the target of reaching three million people over the three-year period (2023-2025) of the strategy's new phase. In 2025, we achieved this goal, reaching 3.1 million people over the course of this period.

It is structured through five Priority Impact Areas (PIAs): social dialogue, health, living wages, respect and resilience, and it strengthens the focus on vulnerable groups as direct recipients of the strategy, including women, migrants, people with disabilities or workers involved in the production of raw materials.

Impacts related to the environment and climate change have been included, ensuring a holistic perspective in respect for Human rights, and incorporating issues such as migration and climate change, just transition and the future of work. Forced labour, child labour and modern slavery have also been considered and reflected in the due diligence exercise. Just as in the previous phases, continuous collaboration and dialogue with our stakeholders and with the sustainability teams in clusters remain strategic for developing initiatives, responding to workers' current needs and, to the extent possible, anticipating future needs.

Each of these Priority Impact Areas has a general objective and different lines of action, which are materialised through activities and projects on the ground, developed by our in-house teams or together with the local and international organisations with whom we collaborate. Priority Impact Areas develop, support and combine different types of solutions and interventions to pursue their objectives: partnerships, collaborations with different stakeholders, direct interventions with suppliers or community outreach, among others.

All the approaches combine and interweave and, at different paces and scales, contribute to and are part of implementing the strategy.

All identified Priority Impact Areas are relevant in terms of oversight of the supply chain in the field of forced labour, as they have a special focus on vulnerable groups such as migrants and refugees, women, children or workers in the raw materials supply chain.

In particular, the Priority Impact Area (PIA) of "Respect", reaching 259,458 people and since the start of this strategy cycle in 2023, works in two lines of action:

#### Respectful work environments free from any kind of violence and harassment

We carry out activities on an evidence-based approach, aimed at understanding the specific needs in both the workplace and the community to develop solutions to prevent violence and harassment. Hence, we foster a culture of respect as a preventive measure, while at the same time strengthening mitigation and remediation measures as necessary.

#### Fair recruitment and employment culture

Providing decent work and using fair recruitment and employment practices are among the key aspects of this Priority Impact Area. At Inditex we have a zero-tolerance policy towards child labour and any kind of forced labour. These topics are discussed in our Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, which specifies that the

employment of children and any form of forced or involuntary labour in our supply chain.

Two key tools enable us to work and improve in these areas:

- / Our continuous Human rights due diligence process in the supply chain, which allows us to identify key aspects.
- / Our various initiatives under the Workers at the Centre strategy, which play a crucial role not only in preventing these situations in the first place, but also in taking the necessary action if any breaches are detected.

Some of the initiatives carried out during the current phase of the strategy (2023-2025) to address this PIA have been:

- / Support for Migrant Parents (China).
- / EDUCARE (Morocco).
- / Harmony (Türkiye).
- / LGBTI+ Awareness (Portugal).
- / Parwaaz - Disability management in the workplace (Pakistan).
- / RISE Respect (Bangladesh, India).
- / Together Strong (Türkiye).
- / BRAVE (Türkiye).
- / Sowbhagyam (India).
- / Sankalp (India).
- / Remediation programme for migrant workers (Türkiye).
- / Gender Sensitive Workplace (Bangladesh).

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 177 et seq.) and in the specific report [Workers at the Centre 2025](#), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

## **7.1. Equity focus – how Workers at the Centre tackles most vulnerable groups**

The saliency exercise on Human rights allows us to pinpoint those groups more vulnerable to potential Human rights violations. In response, we make more visible and integrate the needs of their groups strengthen the protection of their rights within the supply chain.

### **7.1.1. Protection of migrant and refugees**

The textile industry performs a crucial role when it comes to providing job opportunities to vulnerable groups such as migrants, both from other regions within a country (internal migration) and from other nations, and especially for refugees, such as the Syrian refugees who have reached Türkiye since the start of the Syrian conflict in 2011.

Their special vulnerability requires an approach ranging from measures to prevent, detect and, if appropriate, remedy any instance of forced or unlawful work, to fostering their integration both in the labour market and on a personal level, nurturing peaceful and collaborative environments at the factories in which people from different cultural backgrounds work together, in order to prevent conflict and overcome communication barriers.

A common denominator of our measures and programmes for the protection of migrants and refugees is a special sensitivity for listening,

understanding and supporting the specific needs in each context, involving both the workers themselves and specialist organisations, and covering a broad spectrum of topics and types of measures, from prevention and training to remediation.

Inditex aims to raise awareness about the relevance of integrating migrants and refugees into the recipient communities by means of projects and the dissemination of best practices. To this end, Inditex collaborates in four different programmes with International Labour Organization, Support to Life (STL), Association For Social Development and Aid Mobilization (ASAM – SGDD), and United Work.

### 7.1.2. Zero tolerance for child labour

At Inditex we are committed to ensuring that our supply chain is free of child labour, and that is why we have established a series of policies and actions as a way of prevention, mitigation and remediation. All suppliers and factories are informed about this policy when they start their commercial relationship with Inditex, and compliance includes different approaches such as training, guidance, evaluation and remediation plans.

Specifically, the child labour remediation plan is a mandatory process implemented globally that is activated if a worker is found to be under the age stipulated in our Code. Suppliers and factories are responsible for developing and implementing a series of corrective actions following this communication and for reaching an agreement with the minor and their guardians, which includes providing schooling opportunities for the minor, paying them a living allowance until the age of 16, or employing an adult family member in their place, among other measures, to reduce the likelihood of them returning to work to support their family.

As these plans are implemented, they are continuously monitored by Inditex's internal teams, and external expert organisations may also be brought in to collaborate.

### 7.1.3. Women

At Inditex we believe that gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but also an essential value for the sustainability of the supply chain and for development.

Consequently, for some years we have been working in the field of Gender, Diversity and Inclusion, for driving international standards linked to the ILO, including, but not limited to, the following: Equal Remuneration Convention (C100), Discrimination (employment and occupation) Convention (C111), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention (C156), Maternity Protection Convention (C183), and Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019, and Recommendation (C190 and R206).

By means of various commitments in our supply chain, Inditex is creating a space to work directly at the factories, for changing gender equality practices in the workplace and also reaching female workers' families and communities.

All five Priority Impact Areas have actions directed specifically at women's needs.

One example, in the Respect PIA, is the Sowbhagyam project in India. The goal of this project is to improve employment practices by ensuring safe, decent working conditions that are free from violence and harassment for all workers.

Its implementation sought to promote the creation of safe working environments free from any form of violence or harassment, with a particular focus on preventing and reducing sexual harassment at work.

The initiative also strengthened internal grievance and dispute resolution mechanisms, building workers' confidence in the Internal Complaints Committees (ICC) and promoting their use as an effective means of managing and resolving workplace issues.

The project has reached 32,247 people and involved 48 factories in India from 2023 to 2025.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 177 et seq. ) and in the specific report *Workers at the Centre 2023-2025* (page 30 et seq.), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

## 7.2. Workers involved in the production of raw materials

While raw materials (both natural and man-made) are pivotal components in the creation of end products, their supply chain is highly complex and involves challenges linked to labour conditions, as well as development, prosperity and resilience. These challenges must be addressed both locally and globally, so a holistic approach is called for. This approach must encompass traceability, due diligence and a commitment to respect for, and promotion of, human and labour rights.

Based on our due diligence processes and in collaboration with various organisations, Inditex continues to work to ensure the absence of forced labour – to which Inditex has a zero-tolerance approach – as well as to promote compliance with international standards and our Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, including in the raw materials supply chain. Inditex has developed and applies strict policies and actions with the ultimate goal of fostering respect for the Human rights of all workers in our supply chain.

Our compliance programme, together with the activities related to the 'Workers at the Centre' strategy, and our close partnerships with stakeholders such as the ETI or ILO strengthen our commitment to the prevention of forced labour. Developed in the Priority Impact Area Resilience, and aiming for prosperous livelihoods, main initiatives carried out for cotton farms and communities are:

- / Public-private partnership with the International Labour Organization (India, Pakistan).
- / Collaboration for promoting regenerative agricultural practices (India).
- / Child & Women Friendly Mobile Areas (Türkiye).

In this regard, the Group has taken a holistic approach to protecting the rights of such workers, by joining forces with a number of players, including local and international organizations and communities themselves. As an example, to drive the progress of sustainability across the supply chain of cotton, Inditex works with other organizations in the sector, in addition to working with ILO under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) signed with Inditex in 2017 and renewed in 2023 to promote respect for human and labour rights covering the fundamental rights and principles at work, including the prevention of forced labour within the cotton supply in different cotton producing communities. The Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work are:

- / Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- / The elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour;
- / The effective abolition of child labour;
- / The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation;
- / A safe and healthy working environment.

Inditex thus contributes to sustainability across the supply chain of such workers. To achieve it, a cooperative approach with different stakeholders nationally and in the communities themselves is key.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 177 et seq.) and in the specific report [Workers at the Centre 2025](#) (page 38 et seq.), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

### 7.3. Workers at the Centre 2026-2030

Our efforts to support the sustainable management of our supply chain and to promote respect for human and labour rights are part of an ongoing process of continuous improvement. These processes are built on the experience gained through their implementation and on constant dialogue and collaboration with our stakeholders. From this perspective, we will continue strengthening and adapting our procedures to address evolving challenges and further enhance the effectiveness of our due diligence approach.

In this regard, it should be noted that in 2026 we will be implementing a new phase of our Workers at the Centre strategy. This new phase draws on the lessons from previous phases, strengthens the working model based on the identification of priority impact areas as a result of our saliency exercise on Human rights carried out in 2025 and promotes an approach based on prioritization and effectiveness.

## 8. Mitigation and remediation

The factories in Inditex's supply chain are subject to thorough reviews to detect the existence of workers from especially vulnerable groups and assess their social and working conditions. Inditex has developed remediation plans where refugee or migrant workers are found to be working or living in conditions that do not adhere to its standards.

For example, in collaboration with the local NGO Refugee Support Centre (MUDEM), remediation plans in Türkiye began with a detailed assessment of the working and living conditions of refugee and migrant workers through individual meetings. Specific actions were considered with a view to improving living conditions if any vulnerability or violation of basic Human rights was detected. The main objective was to ensure that these workers are supported by valid work permits and social security, as well as to facilitate their integration, for instance by removing language barriers. Guidance is also provided if any other needs are identified, such as psychological support services.

Where the presence of migrant and refugee workers is identified, Inditex sets in train, where necessary, remediation plans in collaboration with local expert organizations in the field, to guarantee respect for their Human rights and legalize their status.

We have collaborated closely since 2016 with MUDEM, which has been providing social and legal support to asylum seekers in accessing their rights and services for refugees and migrants.

The main action lines of the remediation plans are:

- Assessment and effective verification of working conditions
- Supporting workers' integration
- Support in obtaining work permits
- Advice and support in every aspect of their lives

Inditex also relies on a specific child labour remediation plan, a mandatory process implemented globally, that is activated if a worker under the age established in the Code is identified. In the event that a breach is detected, auditors communicate this information to Inditex's internal team. Suppliers and factories are responsible for developing and implementing a series of corrective actions following this communication and for reaching an agreement with the minor and their guardians, which includes providing schooling opportunities for the minor, paying them a living allowance until the age of 16 to reduce the likelihood of them returning to work to feed their family, or employing an adult family member in their place, among other measures.

These Plans are coordinated at Group level, ensuring there is ongoing monitoring by Inditex's internal teams, and external expert organisations may also be invited to collaborate.

## 9. Training and awareness-raising

A strong culture of sustainability in all areas of the Group is essential to the successful implementation of our business model. To instil a culture of sustainability among all employees, regardless of their position and duties, the Company carries out training to our employees at headquarters, stores, logistics centres, and in the different markets where Inditex operates. As a result, in 2025, 30,783 members of our teams received training in sustainability and Human rights.

As part of their onboarding process, every employee at headquarters receives training on social and environmental sustainability, to ensure that they understand the basic idea of sustainability and its relevance for the Inditex Group.

After this initial approach to sustainability, employees undertake specific training depending on their roles and responsibilities. Training in this regard is essential for our buying teams due to the impact of their decisions on the sustainability of our products and supply chain. Such training covers responsible purchasing practices and their influence on employee rights.

We also provide practical and technical training aimed at implementing sustainability in our products and supply chain through our Sustainable Fashion School (SFS), developed in collaboration with the University of Leeds. Accordingly, we aim to create a forum for expertise and inspiration that provides our teams—including buying and design teams—with a solid technical foundation and access to cutting-edge innovations in sustainability, thereby fostering more informed and responsible decision-making throughout the value chain. Over the course of its three editions of the Foundations of Textile Manufacturing at the SFS, over 1,850 people have been trained

Additionally, training our people and suppliers is key to strengthening our corporate ethical culture and implementing our Global Compliance Model across all our operations. The promotion of the corporate ethical culture is supported by a Compliance Training Plan, with training and awareness-raising measures adapted to the risk profile of the Group's employees.

In this regard, in 2025, the implementation of the Compliance Training Plan has continued. This Plan includes training and awareness-raising measures covering the priority compliance risks to which the Group is potentially exposed. In particular, the goal is to ensure a homogeneous and robust oversight of mandatory training. In 2025, 12,088 employees were trained on compliance. By job classification, 671 people corresponded to management, 2,700 were supervisors and 8,717 were specialist. In 2025, they represented 88% of the priority group within our workforce.

With regard to the Board of Directors, 100% of its members have received training on compliance and/or corruption or bribery in 2025.

At the close of the FY2025, the Code of Conduct training has been completed by the 87% of the employees.

Additionally, in the context of the saliency exercise on Human rights conducted in 2025, 393 specific training sessions focused on Human rights, including modern slavery, were provided to employees.

Training and raising awareness among suppliers is also key to making progress towards the joint continuous improvement of the supply chain from the perspective of human and labour rights. Inditex's Sustainability teams advise suppliers through constant communication and training to share the Group's values, to raise awareness of respect and promotion of Human Rights and workers' wellbeing. Training programmes include topics relating to procedures and requirements of the Group, including the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, and to priority impact areas identified through due diligence. Such is the example of Grows, a training programme whose aim is to strengthen Human rights capabilities within the supply chain. Through online training modules addressing topics such as Human rights, and forced and child labour among others, this project has reached 1,262,608 people worldwide, involving 2,122 suppliers and manufacturers during this phase of our Workers at the Centre strategy.

Likewise, in 2025 a Compliance e-learning training course –including as content the Codes of Conduct, the Ethics Line, and the Integrity Policies, has been made available to the main product suppliers across 30 markets, which will allow the Group to convey the principles and behaviour guidelines the Company expects from the main product suppliers within the framework of our commercial or professional relations with them.

As evidence of the implementation of those trainings, the course “Promote Sustainable Development” includes references to what is established in the Code of Conduct regarding Human Rights.

In addition, individual awareness-raising and group training is also provided, the latter run by internal teams or in partnership with reputable organizations with various specialisms.

More detail in the [Inditex Statement of Non-Financial Information and Sustainability Information 2025](#) (pages 169, 192) and in the document [Workers at the Centre 2025](#) (pages 8, 12.), both also available on Inditex's corporate website.

Inditex's main grievance mechanism is the Ethics Line, which is managed by the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Line, which is strictly confidential, is an internal communication channel available to any employee, director and shareholder of any company of the Group, as well as anyone working under the supervision and management of manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors of the Inditex Group through which they may raise, anonymously if they wish:

- Questions and/or doubts on the interpretation or application of the Group's Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers, as well as any other internal rules of conduct within the remit of the Ethics Committee.
- Breaches and other non-compliances relating to infringements of the applicable legal system or of the Codes of Conduct or of any other internal rule of conduct within the remit of the Ethics Committee, affecting Inditex and committed by employees, manufacturers, suppliers or third parties with whom the Group has a direct employment, commercial or professional relationship.

The Ethics Committee is responsible for overseeing the Ethics Line and launching any necessary investigation, and for proposing the relevant remediation, prevention and awareness-raising measures, as the case may be. The decisions of the Ethics Committee, as a collegiate and independent body, are binding upon the Inditex Group and on the persons to whom they are addressed, where applicable.

As mentioned above, the Ethics Committee is the internal body responsible for managing the Ethics Line and must promote the necessary investigations to adequately resolve cases handled, in accordance with the Policy on Internal Reporting Channels and the Ethics Line Procedure. This Policy and Procedure incorporate international best practices in connection with Human rights and adapt the Ethics Line to the regulatory requirements of the markets in which the Group operates.

The Policy on Internal Reporting Channels and the Ethics Line Procedure offer the following guarantees and protection measures to the parties involved in the process:

- / Utmost confidentiality.
- / Presumption of innocence and preservation of the right to honour for the persons affected by the report.
- / Non-retaliation against any reporter or any person helping the informer during the investigation.
- / Appropriate use of personal data processed.
- / The parties' right to be heard.

In line with best practices, the Group has a tool provided by an external supplier that allows to receive and manage concerns at the Ethics Line. It is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is available in 25 languages.

In 2025, the Ethics Line (including both the Global Ethics Line and the various Local Ethics Lines) recorded a total of 1,164 concerns (791 concerns in 2024), representing a 47% increase. The total number of cases processed by the Ethics Committee does not include those that were rejected because they do not fall within its scope.

## 10. Grievance and queries mechanisms

The third pillar of the Inditex Group's Human Rights strategy, together with the Human Rights Policy and due diligence, is the grievance and queries mechanisms.

Of the total of 1,164 concerns received by the Ethics Committee<sup>2025</sup>, 836 are closed. Of these, 459 were classified as being beyond the authority of the Ethics Committee and 76 as not requiring any further action or monitoring by the Ethics Committee. Of the remaining closed cases: (i) 92 were queries, (ii) 149 were cases which, after investigation, were found not to be non-compliances, and (iii) the remaining 60 were cases of non-compliance requiring appropriate action. Of the latter 60 cases, 25 were linked to the protection of labour rights, and 22 related to the protection of Human Rights, including 3 confirmed cases of discrimination and 19 confirmed cases of harassment. The remaining confirmed cases consist of 9 cases related to the prevention of corruption and bribery and the remaining four were related to other violations of the Inditex Group's Codes of Conduct. In 13 of these 60 cases, the non-compliances detected affected employees of suppliers of goods and services, and the necessary measures to remedy the situation were taken.

More detail about the Ethics Committee and the Ethics Line in the document [Compliance Function Transparency Report 2025](#), available on Inditex's corporate website.

In addition, the Global Framework Agreement (GFA) executed with IndustriALL Global Union signed in 2007 and renewed in 2019 is a testimony of the commitment of the Group and IndustriALL to the promotion of labour rights in the textile and footwear supply chain, and with compliance with international labour regulations and our own Code of Conduct for Manufacturers and Suppliers. Our agreement and relationship with IndustriALL also cover mechanisms to listen to and escalate concerns relating to labour standards. Inditex relies on social dialogue as a key mechanism to promote mature labour relations within our supply chain.

Inditex is fundamentally committed to preventing modern slavery, child and forced labour at all levels within its value chain, in particular, its supply chain. The Group strongly believes that this individual commitment is strengthened by a collective approach including through collaboration with governments, the fashion industry, society as a whole, and other stakeholders.

## 11. Attestation

This Statement was approved by the board of directors of **Inditex Australia Pty Ltd (Inditex Australia)** in accordance with (the "Act").

Inditex Australia is an Australian subsidiary of the Inditex Group. Its activities in Australia consist primarily of the retail and online sale of fashion, footwear, accessories and/or home products under the Inditex Group's commercial brands, through stores and online commercial channels in Australia.

The products sold by Inditex Australia in Australia are primarily sourced through the Inditex Group's centralised sourcing and distribution model and are manufactured in a variety of countries around the world through the Inditex Group's global supply chain. The entity may also engage local suppliers in Australia for ancillary goods and services related to its retail, office and commercial operations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Nievas", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and flourishes.

Jose Ignacio Nievas Andres

Managing Director, Inditex Australia Pty Ltd

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