



**FLA Board of Directors Adopts Resolution on the
Elimination of Apparel Quotas
October 26, 2004**

At its October 26 meeting, the Fair Labor Association (FLA) Board of Directors considered the challenges posed by the ending of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement / Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (MFA/ATC) in January 2005 and adopted the following resolution:

Having discussed the implications of the elimination of quotas; and

Noting with concern the attempts by some governments to remain competitive by de-regulating and lowering labor standards,

The FLA Board:

Urges FLA Companies to adopt guidelines to ensure they fulfill their commitment to manage shifts in sourcing in a manner consistent with the FLA Charter, Code and national law; and

Encourages all Companies to support the work of the MFA Alliance and other multi-stakeholder initiatives addressing the consequences of quota elimination.

The Fair Labor Association will continue to participate in ongoing dialogues concerning the expiry of the MFA/ATC, and will support efforts to address the social and economic impacts of the expiry. The FLA is also working to develop guidance for companies and universities so as to enhance their ability to protect workers who may be affected by these changes.

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