

SUMMIT ON FAIR TRADE IN TEXTILES & CLOTHING

JUNE 15, 16, 17

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

ROYAL WINDSOR HOTEL

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Dear Coalition Partner:

We would like to invite you to attend the **Summit on Fair Trade for Textiles and Clothing** on June 15-17 in Brussels, Belgium.

The Summit is **sponsored by the Founding Groups of the Istanbul Declaration** and will be an exceptional opportunity for leaders from leading textile and apparel trade associations to establish a better trade environment around the globe .

As the quota phase-out nears, its impact on the rest of world becomes more clear. Studies now show that the phase-out will cost 30 million jobs lost around the world and lead to devastation to dozens of economies. The most recent import data from the United States reveals that China has now taken 65% of the market for those apparel products which were removed from quota control in just two years. China, through unfair trade practices, has now opened up over 30 percent price advantage with the rest of the world.

This devastation can be stopped but it will take each of us working together. At the Summit in Brussels, we will get a chance to review, consult and coordinate our activities. This is a vital next step in creating the political will to make sure, that illegal trade practices remain under control after 2005.

In just three months time, the groundswell of support for the Istanbul Declaration has made headlines around the world. Governments are beginning to take notice. Your efforts have already sparked important political initiatives in the United States and elsewhere. Now we must build on these successes.

Thank you for reserving the dates of June 15-16-17 in Brussels, Belgium for the Istanbul Declaration Summit for Fair Trade in Textiles and Clothing to be held in Brussels, Belgium. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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LOCATION OF SUMMIT

The Summit will be held at the :

Royal Windsor Hotel

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The Royal Windsor Hotel is situated just 150 feet from the historic Grand Place. The Congress Center, Central Station, Sablon Square, EEC, shopping galleries and business district are all within walking distance.

This 5-star hotel is the ideal combination of featuring 266 rooms & suites tastefully decorated and appointed with many extra conveniences.

Summit room rates at the Royal Windsor for reservations made prior to May 28 are as follows:

Suite – 350.00 euro per night

Deluxe – 280.00 euro per night

Business – 210.00 euro per night

Standard – 180.00 euro per night

Summit attendees are responsible for booking their rooms at the Royal Windsor Hotel.

We urge you to book your reservations before May 28 to receive the convention rate.

You can also forward you hotel information to Sherron John in New York +1 212 398 6244

If you call the hotel directly, please tell the reservation clerk that you are with the “Istanbul Declaration Summit” group and use the code “AMT1606-EL” to receive the convention rate instead of the regular room rate.

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SUMMIT REGISTRATION

To confirm your participation please complete the attached registration form and return it to:

Att : Lloyd Wood

Registration Dept / ITKIB - AMTAC - NCTO /

+1 202 452-0866 – telephone

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lwood@amtacdc.org

Information ; www.itkibUSA.org www.amtacdc.org www.ncto.org

The Conference Registration Fee / 300 euro

The registration fee is payable in cash upon arrival.

Because the expenses of the conference organizers are payable in euro, euro will be the only form of cash currency accepted.

Payment of registration fees will be collected at the registration table that will be set up prior to the reception on June 15 and the meetings of June 16 and 17.

All convention registrations must be confirmed by the close of business on Thursday, June 10.

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AGENDA/SCHEDULE

The agenda items and schedule are subject to change. The formal agenda and schedule will be in your registration packet upon arrival.

Tuesday, June 15

17:00-20:00 Convention Registration

19:30-22:00 Welcome Reception sponsored by ITKIB/AMTAC/NCTO

Wednesday, June 16

08:00-09:00 Convention Registration (for those not yet registered)

09:00-14:45 SESSION OPEN TO MEDIA

9:00-9:30 Introduction and Welcome to Brussels
Progress report on Istanbul Declaration by Cass Johnson & Auggie Tantillo

9:30-10:30 Welcoming Remarks by
Allen Gant / NCTO chairman
Suleyman Orakcioglu / ITKIB chairman
Guest Speakers:
Jean Francois Gribomont / Belgium
Tito Burgi / Italy

10:30-11:00 United States / Canada market update. / Cass Johnson / NCTO / ATMI
United States The Government Perspective / Auggie Tantillo / AMTAC

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:30 European market update / Portugal

11:30-11:45 Eastern Europe & Euroasia market update / Rusen Cetin / ITKIB

11:45-12:00 Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean market update / CANAINTEX

12:15-13:45 Luncheon sponsored by ITKIB/AMTAC/NCTO
Guest Speaker:
Oguz Satici / Chairman / TIM – Turkish Foreign Trade Council

- 14:00-14:15 African market update. / South Africa
14:15-14:30 South American market update. / Peru
14:30-14:45 South and East Asia market update / Bangladesh

15:00-18:30 RESTRICTED PRIVATE SESSION

- 15:00-16:45 Roundtable discussion on strategies to limit negative impact of quota phaseout.
What action can the WTO take?
What action can developing nations take?
What action can the United States take?
What action can the European Union take?
- 16:45-17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:00-18:30 Individual Country Reports by Associations (Please Present a Request)

Thursday, June 17

09:00-16:30 RESTRICTED PRIVATE SESSION

- 09:00-10:45 Roundtable Discussion
How to turn [The Istanbul Declaration Coalition](#) from a movement of National Trade Associations into a movement of governments seeking WTO action to address the issue.
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Discussion of Coalition Communiqué for the Press Conference
- 12:45-14:15 Luncheon sponsored by ITKIB/AMTAC/NCTO.
- 14:30-15:30 Final Meeting for Coalition Communiqué
- 15:30-16:15 Discussion of Press/Media Advisory and Logistics
- 16:15-16:30 Coffee Break
- 17:00-17:30 Press Conference & Communiqué**
- 17:30-18:00 Question & Answer Session / Press**
- 18:00-18:30 Conduct individual interviews with Press/Media

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PRESS CONFERENCE

**The Istanbul Declaration Summit press conference is at 17:00 <5:00pm> on June 17th.
All summit attendees are invited to participate.**

It is vitally important that you fill out your press conference information questionnaire. The latest comprehensive reports on world textile and clothing trade and employment are one to two years old.

The information collected will be used to create a fact sheet about the importance of textile and clothing trade to your trade association and to your country's economy. The facts sheets will be combined into a booklet that will be given to summit attendees and the media.

CONCLUSION

The future of our respective industries is at stake. The time to take action can wait no longer. Please join us in Brussels on June 15-17 to help save the world textile and apparel industry as we know it. Thank you so much for your consideration in this most important matter.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please type & sign at the bottom. Return to Lloyd Wood via fax at +1 (202) 452-0739 or e-mail to lwood@amtacdc.org. The registration fee <300 euro> is payable in cash in Brussels.

Our trade association will attend the Istanbul Declaration Summit on June 15-17 in Brussels.

Association Name _____

Names and Titles of Attendees _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please Fax this Form to ; Attention Lloyd Wood via fax at +1 202 452-0739 Washington DC

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HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Association Name _____

Guest Name _____

Check-In date _____

Check-Out date _____

Type of Room > / Suite / Deluxe / Business / Standard / _____

Credit Card Number _____

Credit Card Expiration _____

Billing Address for Credit Card _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

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