



**2nd meeting of
the EU Domestic Advisory Group and the Viet Nam Domestic Advisory Group
under the EU-Viet Nam FTA, held on 18 October 2022 in Hanoi**

JOINT STATEMENT

1. On 18 October 2022, the EU Domestic Advisory Group (EU DAG) and the Viet Nam Domestic Advisory Group (VN DAG) met in Hanoi for the second time, alongside of the Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development meeting and the Joint Forum for the domestic advisory groups of both sides and other stakeholders.
 2. As this was the first formal in-person meeting, members of both DAGs were able to get to know each other and learn more about their respective experience, organisations and interests. The other agenda items included an initial presentation of a desk study on global supply chains in the context of due diligence (commissioned by the EU DAG), a workshop on energy transition and the preparations for COP-27, and discussions on the ratification of ILO conventions.
 3. In light of the mutual interest in the topic of due diligence, it was agreed to create a common working group to deepen joint discussion on EU-Vietnam supply chains in the context of due diligence, which will meet online and report to the next DAG-to-DAG meeting.
 4. The DAGs play a key role in the framework of the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA), and it is essential to give the organisations included time and space for cooperation and dialogue. The Parties to the EVFTA should recognise and make use of the experience on the ground of the two DAGs to improve its implementation.
 5. In light of the experience on labour rights, both DAGs suggested that a roadmap on climate and environment protection should be developed by the Parties.
 6. Both DAGs reminded the Parties of their commitments to ratify and implement all the ILO fundamental conventions, which, as a result of the International Labour Conference in 2022, should include ILO Conventions 155 and 187 on occupational safety and health.
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