

H&M Response re. Forced labour in factories in Xinjiang, China
26 July 2019

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited H&M to respond to the following item:

“Cotton On and Target investigate suppliers after forced labour of Uyghurs exposed in China's Xinjiang”, ABC News, 17 July 2019: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/201907-15/uyghur-forced-labour-xinjiang-china/11298750>

H&M sent us the following response:

H&M Group does not accept forced labor being used anywhere in our value chain, including cotton cultivation. A part of the cotton produced in China comes from the Xinjiang region. We have for a long time worked with Better Cotton Initiative, BCI to secure a sustainable production of cotton globally.

We work with suppliers in all production markets in the same way, ensuring that they all sign our Sustainability Commitment and follow national law. We have due diligence processes in place to ensure we identify and address any risk of forced labor. We are investigating all production facilities to get the full picture, based on the information that is shared with us.