

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE G20 ON GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

**The G20 Summit, which this year focuses on ‘Shaping an Interconnected World’, is an important opportunity for G20 countries – which together constitute almost two-thirds of the global population, more than 80 per cent of global GDP and three-quarters of worldwide trade - to affirm their collective commitment to ensuring that human rights are a fundamental part of the framework of interconnectivity that is developing and envisaged, thus setting an important example to the rest of the world.**

Amnesty International welcomes the focus on making progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the summit. Implementation of the Agenda should ensure universal respect for human rights and human dignity and recognize that in our increasingly interconnected world, economic policy and development must be developed and targeted in ways to reduce inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind whilst promoting effective accountability for all stakeholders. In this respect, we urge all members of the G20, to pay particular attention to Goals 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries) and 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels).

### GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Our economic interconnectivity can be seen in the complex global supply chains underlying products used every day. These products can enhance the lives of many, but their production can bring serious harms to others. Our demand for mobile phones should not require the labour of children for the cobalt in their batteries, and our foods and other consumer products should not contain palm oil linked to the exploitation of plantation workers.

Amnesty International welcomes the focus brought by Germany this year on fostering decent work in global supply chains, which recognizes that G20 countries have a joint responsibility to promote decent work and to protect fundamental principles and rights at work. We also welcome the commitment made by Labour and Employment ministers in their Bad Neuenahr Declaration<sup>1</sup> to international guidelines and frameworks such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social policy, the ILO Conclusions concerning decent work in global supply chains and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises for countries that adhere to them.

**In addition to ensuring that the Labour Ministers’ commitment is also made in the final communiqué of the summit, Amnesty International urges all member states of the G20 to:**

- **Take a clear lead in promoting measures to require companies to respect labour and other human rights throughout their global operations, including supply chains, in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international standards;**

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<sup>1</sup> G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting in Bad Neuenahr, 18 - 19 May 2017, Ministerial Declaration Towards an Inclusive Future: Shaping the World of Work, available at [http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Pressemitteilungen/2017/g20-ministerial-declaration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

- Enact laws and policies, and support the development of international standards, requiring companies to implement human rights due diligence throughout their global operations, including supply chains, and to report publicly on their due diligence policies and practices in accordance with international standards;
- Take appropriate steps through effective policies, legislation, regulations and adjudication to prevent, investigate, punish and redress corporate abuses of labour and other human rights, including in cross-border cases.