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**Joint Initiative on Corporate Accountability and Workers' Rights (JO-IN) Turkey  
Project  
Our Undersecretariat's Views on the Final Report**

Turkey was chosen as the trial field of Jo-In Project by the Joint Initiative to implement the projects concrete elements. We think that objectives of the Jo-In Project to investigate the role of voluntary codes of labor practice in improving the working conditions of workers and their families within global supply chains, and to respect their labor rights, to determine the roles of international multi-stakeholders' and local stakeholder's roles in jointly implementing codes of conduct were successful.

In 2006, under the scope of the said project, the Jo-In Steering Committee proposed to setup a "Local Working Group" (LWG) for enabling the local stakeholders to meet regularly on a common platform and, consequently, to enhance the multi-stakeholder cooperation around the issues of workers' rights in Turkey during and after the project; the existence of such a platform which brings together the public and private sector stakeholders who contributed to the project as well as the continuity of a similar platform in the future are deemed important.

At the current stage, on the issue of social responsibility which becomes ever important on the global platform as a competitive element, it is witnessed that an important awareness is raising in our country, and the said project will provide important openings in the export performance of our country's textile and garment sector in the future.