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### **Textiles 2030: Building a thriving, sustainable, circular economy**

The Government is committed to moving towards a more circular economy which will see us keeping resources in use as long as possible, extracting maximum value from them, minimizing waste and making sure resources are used efficiently. We are taking action to increase our reuse, repair, remanufacture and recycling rates, and reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill. This will importantly not only reduce waste but help us reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions and support a transition to Net Zero, accelerating action to address the climate emergency.

As part of this we want to tackle the environmental footprint and 'throw away culture' of fashion and textiles, while helping the UK textiles sector thrive and compete in a new, circular economy. In line with our Resources and Waste Strategy for England we support a move away from the old 'take, make, use, throw' approach to a new model where clothes are used and re-used for longer, and textile fibres are re-used in new products. We believe that circular innovation will drive new business opportunities and growth here in the UK. This is how we will Build Back Greener, creating a competitive and resilient textiles sector while we reduce landfill, climate and water impacts in line with the UK 2050 Net Zero emissions target.

Defra supports WRAP's new voluntary agreement, Textiles 2030, which will convene this phase of transformation. Building on learning from the Sustainable Clothing Action Plan (SCAP 2020), and backed by WRAP's expertise and experience, Textiles 2030 will again demonstrate that business collaboration can achieve ambitious sustainability targets and drive innovation.

The success of this transformational national programme depends on the active participation of textile businesses, large and small. Pioneer organisations began this work over eight years ago with SCAP 2020. It is time now for businesses across textiles sector to join Textiles 2030 and play their part at this critical time for the planet. Through Textiles 2030 we invite your commitment to work with WRAP, like-minded businesses and other partners towards a thriving, sustainable, circular UK textiles sector.

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