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Labor Conditions in Uzbekistan's Cotton Sector

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Thank you for the opportunity to join you on this historic day.

- On behalf of brands and retailers, we appreciate the work of the independent monitors and the Cotton Campaign over the years.
- Based on their findings, we have supported the pledge, and today we are very pleased to support lifting the pledge.
- Of course, We encourage continued support of independent monitoring. And we thank the Uzbekistan government for their action.
- Now is the time for brands and retailers to take a fresh look at sourcing in Uzbekistan. And we will be sharing with the industry today's opening for sourcing in Uzbekistan with the reliance on concrete independent mechanisms for labor rights assurance.