Country reports April to June 2002
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- **France**: Ethique sur L’étiquette
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Clean Clothes Campaign Switzerland

Campaign on World Cup and FIFA
We addressed our aim (complete code and independent verification) directly to Joseph S. Blatter, FIFA President. We used the following reports:

**We are not machines** (Indonesia 2002)
Information on El Salvador (CI-Romero, Germany)
**Football production in China** (and up date)
**Press release of Global March on India and Pakistan**
**Joint statement from CCC and Global March on FIFA**

Some 60'000 flyers have been distributed for the Swiss Worldcup Campaign (German - French). On five direct actions many people have been informed. Till the end of June, we collected over 3'000 signatures. Over the internet site from Berne Declaration there is an e-mail campaign going on till end of July 2002 (German - French - Italian - English).

New publications
CCC-Newsletter No. 5 with a simple rating of 17 companies (German + French) and information on the behaviour of the three companies in the pilot project.
Brochure on the CCC-Code from Berne Declaration (A5, 24 pages, German)
New schoolbook on fashion, brandnames and markets (in German only): "Mode, Marken, Märkte“ reader for students (160 p.) and handbook for teatchers (70 p.).

National Commission on Human Rights
There is a group of Swiss Members of Parliament who support a initiative for a Swiss Commission on Human Rights. Based on the Vienna Declaration from 1993 the UN Commission on Human Rights promotes the existence of national commissions to support an active human rights policy. Such a Commission should be a forum to discuss
related issues within legislation and government policies (such as migration-, security-, and foreign policy). The Commission should be able to investigate and to report on human rights issues and should have the right give recommendations. Today there are about 40 countries with similar institutions. Good examples of such commissions exist in Denmark, Ireland and Australia.

Swiss Pilot Project on Independent Monitoring of a Code of Labour Practices for the Apparel Industry including Sportswear: update 5 and 6 can be found at the somo website www.somo.nl/monitoring

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Postcard campaign
New postcard campaign targeting Matalan, French Connection and New Look, calling on all three to produce comprehensive code based on ILO conventions (French Connection do not appear to have a code), to commit to independent verification and to inform consumers of conditions in which their goods are produced.
Matalan response: code of conduct calls for minimum wage only to be paid, no specific reference to right to organise, no reference to monitoring.
New Look response is a fairly detailed document - at present being studied - and an invitation to meet with the company.
This is part of an effort to focus on lesser brands and UK companies.

Football World Cup 2002
A World Cup leaflet was produced (of which 40,000 printed). Bulletin 16 focused on World Cup, with details of working conditions in Indonesia, China and India and 'what you can do' section. Both are on our website. 35,500 leaflets distributed in 4 weeks (with bulletin, via supporters, through unions and youth groups, and at Glastonbury festival).
Lots of new support recruited as a result of campaign. LBL interviewed for 4-5 mn slot on Radio 5 together with Umbro, Football Association, consumers, etc. LBL writing to Umbro and the Football Association.

Glastonbury 2002
LBL was offered a stall at Glastonbury by GMB London/Ethical Threads - a good number of new supporters recruited.

Urgent Appeals
Urgent appeals circulated: GAP factory in El Salvador and Disney workers in Bangladesh.

Resources
We have run out of 'Exposed' brochures for young people - 5,000 distributed in 15 months. Looking for funds to reprint. Also looking for funds to translate Spanish CCC book for children. Video for young people is in preparation.
LBL members
a) War on Want:
UNITE representative joined two London demos outside Gucci (Gucci are part of PPR),
joined by War On Want, No Sweat, LBL, UK textile unions and TUC.
WOW to launch a report on working conditions on cruise ships run by Disney in
preparation for autumn campaign.
b) GMB
GMB London and No Sweat are carrying out a survey of working conditions in
sweatshops in East London. Also working closely with Ethical Threads, who source
ethical T-shirts from Bangladesh, Nicaragua and from Remploy (a GMB initiative in
UK). Thousands of LBL world cup leaflets distributed at GMB annual conference. A
number of motions passed on ethical/public procurement/globalisation issues.
c) Ethical Consumer: recent issue on garment industry.
d) No Sweat: involved in East London sweatshops project already mentioned. Very
active in PPR protests. Raised over £2,500 for Indonesia appeal for Dita Sari union.
Planning a national conference in November. Coordinating activities for Manchester
Commonwealth Games.

Clean Clothes Campaign
French speaking part of Belgium: Vêtements propres WORLD CUP
Media campaign with a new version of the video clip and distribution of 50,000 mini
brochure - calendar of the cup.

Press conference on the 12th of June
On the base of the statement towards FIFA and the Pakistan, India and China reports and
interviews of Ngadinha and indonesia chairman of a women training ngo, in
collaboration with the Global March

Good press impact in the main french speaking newspaper
On the 13th June : publication of an advertising for "the clip that will not be shown on
the TV" in 3 newspapers (Le Soir, La Libre Belgique, La Dernière Heure)
Numerous interviews on radio and regional television
Interviews and images in the main news program 12th June 8.00 pm
Interviews and images in the "Sake Soirée" daily broadcast (direct shootage) on the
world cup Saturday 29th June

Diffusion of the video clip
Towards 7 regional televisions
On internet (pic of 500 visitors a day)
Diffusion of the videoclip on the national television during the main news program
(without the logo Nike)
Towards FIFA
a letter to be addressed to the FIFA in support of the CCC statement available on the website.

Clean Clothes Campaign Austria:
Clean Clothes Kampagne

In May the manager of Südwind Agentur participated in the Vienna City Marathon under the motto "let’s run fair" for which we got good media coverage. For 2003 we are planning a big event around the Marathon.

In June we produced a new brochure in close collaboration with Frauen-solidarität and the other organizations working on Clean Clothes in Austria. This brochure focuses on the consumers network and mainly on actions and campaigning and how people can get involved in the campaign. It has 32 pages and we printed 15,000 of it, of which 6,000 are already distributed to activists.

20th June 2002
To mark the end of the coordination functions of the Frauen-solidarität in the context of the Austrian CCK, a big party was organized in (WUK) Vienna, where more than 100 CCK friends and activists attended. One of the most important highlights of the party was a video projection of all activities carried out in the context of the CCK within the last years under the coordination of Frauen-solidarität.

Urgent Actions
Since early this year Südwind Agentur Vienna thankfully undertook to handle the Urgent Actions.
by e-Mail:
Cavite EPZ Philippines, Chowdchury Bangladesh, Indonesian Gap Supplier, Lesotho
Hudson Bay Company, Maquila workers Guatemala, North Pole Lanka, Olympic torch bearers, Brylan PPR, Saipan Lawsuits, Tainan El Salvador, The fire that killed 42

E-Mail Urgent Actions are currently distributed to a network of over 250 activists all over Austria

in print, protest letters (through the newspaper "Clean Clothes Rundbrief")
Triumph Burma
Adidas Salomon - pollution of drinking water in El Salvador

Protest letters are currently distributed to over 6000 activists all over Austria.

Clean Clothes Campaign The Netherlands:
Schone Kleren Kampagne
• Protestletter to the FIFA and to sportswear companies on the basis of the reports of Indonesia, China and India (summary)
• Workshops on Clean Clothes Communities given to participants from local organisations and local authorities.
• Official presentation of the Fair Wear Foundation on the 22th of May. Now the foundation accepts members.
• Monitor meeting of representatives of the FLA, SA8000, WRC, several academics, all from the US, with representatives of the European monitor pilot projects. A public meeting was organised as well, where 40 representatives from Dutch NGOs, Tus and the government participated.
• The second workshop of the three planned on possibilities of a court case against a Multinational in the Netherlands has been organised together with IUCN.

World Championship Football

• Together with the Swiss campaign a statement was made towards the FIFA on it's responsibility for improving the labour conditions in products bearing the FIFA or the World Championship logo.
• E-mail action with the Global March, in which consumers were asked to sign a petition towards the FIFA and the large sportswear companies.
• Postcard campaign with the FNV. 300,000 postcards were sent to all amateur football clubs and another 50,000 were sent around to organisations and spread around at festivals, meetings etc. Not many cards have been sent back to the Clean Clothes Campaign, possibly because it is a new target group. An advertisement was sent along with the postcards to the football clubs, which was printed in several club magazines.
• A "relay race" was organised through a large part of the Netherlands, from Assen until Tilburg. Local organisations and sport clubs were invited to organise one part of the race, either by bicycling, running, or sailing between 10 and 50 km, or by organising a local activity, for example an action or an information point. A photo exhibition in a bus accompanied the race. As the relay stick people carries a declaration towards the FIFA and the large sportswear companies which was firstly signed by Ajax. The race was quite well covered in the local press and the whole distance, more than 450 km was done within 48 hours. The race ended at a large multicultural festival, where 140 people arrived that walked the last distance, and the "relay stick" was handed over to the chair person of the FNV, who promised to give it to the FIFA.

International

• A seminar was organised with IRENE on legal possibilities, where Clean Clothes Campaigns, international participants and lawyers were invited to look into the possibilities of litigation and governmental binding regulation.
• The secretariat participated in the round table from the OECD, on supply chain responsibility, in a conference in Berlin on CSR, the European perspective, organised by the GTZ together with the German Round Table (150 participants)
and participated in the CSR multistakeholder forum from the European Commission. Also we went to the IRENE seminar on informal employment.

- English newsletter is published

Clean Clothes Campaign Flemish speaking Belgium:
Schone Kleren Campagne

Public procurement
Ghend was the 1st city to accept a declaration of intent on May 28th
2 other communities (Aalter, Eeklo) accepted in the meantime
other communities are preparing

World championship football
The naked truth about the WCF - calender
Positive reactions
Gender: The women's department of the trade union distributed it and it was published on a website dealing with women's issues.
Game 'Off side'(age +16y)
Will be promoted among youth movement leaders for the summer activities

Solidarity Appeal
PPR
Textile union distributed the appeal
Consumer action
Follow up meeting with management of JBC, Belgian garment retailer, because JBC refused to receive the group at the occasion of the action in January. The action group claimed this meeting.

Training
1 training session (1 day) for a group of Belgian trade unionists
1 training session (1/2 day) for a mixed group of trade union delegates and NGO people
1 training session (1 day-) for international trade unionists of WCL

Clean Clothes Campaign France: Ethique sur L'etiquette

1- Toys campaign - part 2(campagne " exploiter n'est pas jouer ")

aim : adoption or improvement of their codes of conduct + implementation, opening a débate with them on the best way to inform consumers on the " social quality " of toys (and other products when they are not only toy's retailers) : social label...

Actions planned:
- 28-29/09 : Training for volunteers
- 23/11 : national action day (50 towns)
  Lobby on toy retailers (spécialized or not) : edition of our 3rd " carnet de notes "
  (reporting leaflet on management of social quality/codes of conducts by retailers)
  in partnership with "Alternatives économiques" (monthly economic magazine,
  100 000 copies), letter campaign, demonstrations of Santa Claus asking for
  "clean" toys... It will be the beginning of a six months campaign (end : probably
  : 12th of june 2003, international day against child labour)
- Discussion with "Envoyé Spécial", France 2 (public TV) on a film on working
  conditions in the toy industry and consumers campaign

2- Ethical public procurements :

- After 2 campaigns in 2000 and 2001 : 213 towns has adopted an engagement in
  favor of ethical public procurements (" motion " or other engagements) + Conseil
  Régional Nord-Pas de Calais..
- In 2002 : we push them to create a network in partnership with the french CCC
  (an organized network doesn't exist yet). To achieve this goal, we have set up a
  working group with about 10 representatives of local authorities (Communauté
  Urbaine de Dunkerque, Tourcoing, Tours, Limoges, Epinal, La Roche sur Yon...) and
  regional council Nord-Pas de Calais (near Belgian border). Paris is also
  participating in that working group but has not yet taken an official engagement

First projects :

- Handbook for civil servants and members of town councils. Content :
  Does the law on public procurements allows city to use social criterias ?
  Is it possible to buy " ethical " products ?
- Fair trade products
  Other products : strategy to be defined. Our proposition : a joint initiative of the
  200 towns asking the 3 or 4 main companies providing them with clothes, shoes
  and toys to give information on " social quality " of the product they sells +
  adoption of french CCC code of conduct + pilot projects/monitoring
  (Tourcoing or Besançon, 100 000 inhabitants each, spend each year about 150
  000 euros for clothes and shoes)
  How can they participate in public awareness on ethical way of consumption
  (adults, schools...)
- Training (17th of june) for civil servants and members of town councils, in
  collaboration with Cités Unies-France (CUF-association of french cities,
  départements and régions having international cooperation activities.
- Négociation of a partnership with CUF to organise the network

3- Relations with companies

- 17/05/02 : workshop with companies : aim : improve involvment of NGO's and
  trade union in France and in producing countries (negociation of code of conduct,
participation of the workers in the implementation of code of conduct...).
Participation of Carrefour, Auchan, Cora, Fédération des entreprises du commerce et de la distribution/retailers federation, Camif, Lafuma, ITS + AMRC, FMM (trade union from Madagascar) and CCC int. secretariat.

- Negotiation of a Health and security program in 3 or 4 Chinese companies with Auchan, AMRC and french CCC : Auchan said no the 28th of june. An evaluation meeting is planned in October.
- 24/10/02 : we will organise a forum on social quality where retailers are going to be invited.

4- Other...

- Participation at the french preparation conference on sustainable development (Rennes, 1st july) before Johannesburgh (august 2002). Ethical and fair trade are included in a "white" book published by the government. The french CCC participated at a workshop on that issue. In his introductory speach, the new (conservative) prime minister gave its support to ethical trade initiatives and consumers education.
- Participation at the toy conference in Hong Kong (july 2002)
- External evaluation of the french CCC (1995-2002) asked by the french ministry of foreign affairs : the report will be ready in october

Clean Clothes Campaign Bulgaria

- Continued collection of information on labels, brands and companies outsourcing in Bulgaria. There are interesting findings and we came across different names, but that needs further investigating and analysis in order to come up with full subcontracting chains.

- In late May/early June some 4000 leaflets(translated and adapted Dutch version) related to the World Soccer Championship were distributed in schools, universities, betting offices and mail boxes.

- The WWW booklet Organising Along Subcontracting Chains in the Garment Industry was translated into Bulgarian and will be distributed among TUs, NGOs, institutions and academic circles. The effect will be multiplied by the parallel distribution of another WWW booklet - Globalisation and Informalisation, which was translated by the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation.

- The English version of the report "Social Environment and Standards at the work place in the Garment Industry in Bulgaria" will be sent by e-mail to the CCC-Secretariat in Amsterdam for uploading on their web site. Hard copies are available at CCC-Bulgaria office for further distribution upon request.
- There is good cooperation with Homeworkers WorldWide. As a joint initiative with them we started preparation for the establishment of two information and consultation centres in the pilot regions. They will try to cover non-unionised workers (they prevail in the garment industry - more than 95%) and homeworkers. The final purpose for both groups of workers will be organising.

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CCC Eastern Europe other (since December 2001)

Action in Germany RE Romania and KarstadtQuelle
Action postcard widely disseminated that takes up issues of working conditions in Romania particularly in KarstadtQuelle suppliers without naming company names.

On informal work (referring to the discussion during the previous Euros meeting):
The incarnation of informal employment in the region is the garment sector, regardless if informality is factory- or home-based. These findings from a study on informal work in the region I did for ILO corresponds with the current change of paradigms in the ILO and elsewhere on the definition of informality. This change has been initiated mainly by WIEGO and it goes towards defining informality as work in the absence of (labour) rights regardless of the place of work (home-based, factory-based, street-based). 90% of all garment work in the East European region can be characterised like this.

KARAT economic literacy workshop in April 2002 (KARAT is a network of women's organisations in 14 East European countries, the regional office is in Warsaw; KARAT started an Economic Justice Project in April):
The 3 focus issues of the workshop were social security reforms, informal work and general economic literacy.

Outcome quoted from the Strategic Group Report:
"Suggested actions: To take the garment sector as an example where informal work is prevalent and where women constitute 95% of the workforce and where an international campaign exists which offers international networking. The Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC) research and campaign around labour standards and informal work will allow Karat to achieve its needs. To spread widely information throughout the region about the possibility of being involved in the labor standards and informal sector research; and the possibility to network in order to address labor standards and informal sector. As far as the involvement of Poland is concerned a meeting of representatives of different organizations interested in participating in the project will take place in Karat's office in May."

Balkan research: Together with Simel Esim, ICRW (Int. Center for Research on Women, Washington)/WIEGO-coordinator for East Europe, I am planning a research project on relocation, working conditions and effect of social initiatives in the garment sectors of Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria with special reference to informal and home-based work.
Romania:
On October 10/11, we will have a meeting in Bucuresti that evaluates the outcomes of FWF pilot audit together with Romanian shop stewards, NGO and TU-people, partners in Turkey, Bulgaria and Poland and FES.

Belarus (Whiterussia):
A start has been made documenting labour law and legal provisions for wage (legal min. and living wage) and interviewing with workers

Clean Clothes Campaign Spain: Ropa Limpia

Dirty Rags in TVE

- "Dirty Rags" is a documentary on the working conditions of employees in clandestine workshops in Tangier and is based on a reported compiled by the Spanish CCC (see summary). In the end, just as it was about to be broadcast, we received a message from their top management stating that "it isn't appropriate at the current time" and the programme was never broadcast.
- In response to this censorship, the Spanish CCC called a press conference (in the headquarters of a trade union) at which we intended to play the video concerned. However, before this press conference took place we received a fax informing us that any broadcast of the video would constitute an infringement of intellectual property law. Therefore, in the end, we were unable to present the video.
- The Spanish CCC is trying to obtain a copy of the documentary. A left-wing political party is also going to raise this issue in Congress, in addition to requesting an explanation of the event. The majority of the relevant media (TV and radio) have picked up on the story. In addition, a formal complaint is being investigated by the official Catalanian School of Journalists.
- The Spanish CCC is encouraging people to send letters of protest to the TV channel's various directors. The TV channel continues to maintain that the recording was not of a sufficiently high quality to be broadcast.

Adolgo Dominguez' secrets

- At the last meeting we mentioned that our dealings with Adolfo Dominguez S A. were at last bearing fruit and that the company had made a series of commitments to the campaign in respect to its transparency (of information).
- It completed the questionnaire on corporate social responsibility but left blank several important questions, such as the main countries it sourced from and in what proportion. The only additional information that it provided us with was its 1998 Annual Report which did not mention the issue of social responsibility.
- When the Spanish CCC tried to contact the company to explain that the information was not sufficient, we were unable to establish communication.
Therefore, we decided to continue our street protests outside Adolfo Domínguez stores.

- In response to this "threat" the company has included a commentary on its website regarding social responsibility in which it mentions its membership of Global Compact and its promise to implement the standard SA 8000.
- In addition we have received the completed questionnaire. Currently we are evaluating their response in order to determine the future course of our campaigning.

Agreement with Mango and Burberry in Morrocco
The Spanish CCC has commissioned the Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo (Foundation for Ecology and Development) to look into some of production centres in Morocco belonging to the Spanish garment retailers Mango and Burberry. This is a direct result of the agreement on transparency and social responsibility that both companies signed last February. The first visit will take place during the first few weeks of July, together with professional representatives from the two companies, in order to evaluate the social and working conditions in production centres in Tangier and Casablanca.

In preparation

- INDITEX shareholders meeting
- In regards to the report, we are preparing a publishable version that will also be adapted and translated into Arabic.
- We are currently carrying out an evaluation of our work over the last few years. This involves two parts: an anonymous questionnaire and an in-depth interview. The questionnaire has been sent to all subscribers to our newsletter and member organizations and requests feedback on: campaign materials distributed, information provided by the Spanish CCC, its social impact, relationship with its members, strong and weak points and suggestions.

Italy

The Italian network Rete di Lilliput has launched a postcards campaign during the football world championship to ask the Italian sportswear company Robe di Kappa, who is the sponsor of the Italian football team, to stop sourcing in Burma. Robe di Kappa has reacted almost immediately arguing that they are aware of social issues connected with relocations but they think they cannot be held responsible for the political situation of the countries where they decide to source production. They feel they are doing their best to ensure that decent working conditions are respected even in countries like Burma where they say they have recently sent company inspectors. We are now arranging a meeting with the union to see if we can work out a common strategy.

At the end of June we held a seminar in our network with the aim to set the basis for a monitoring work of companies' behaviour on a local perspective.
Clean Clothes Campaign Germany: Kampagne für Saubere Kleidung

Sports conference
Just before the start of the 2002 football world championship the German "Clean Clothes Campaign" (CCC) organised the conference "Fit for Fair- Towards humane working conditions in the global sportswear industry" together with the Students' Council of the Sports University of Cologne.

At two panels and in four workshops the various stakeholders met for discussions: representatives of Nike, adidas and Puma, the WFSGI, Garment workers, NGO- and trade union-representatives from Indonesia, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Romania, sports women/men, the German Sports Association, Members of Parliament, attac, WRC from the US, Nike Campaign from Australia, and many others.

The Federal Minister for Consumer was the patroness. The conference had about 200 participants. The combination of representatives of the industry, sports(wo)men, a well known TV moderator and labour rights activists and the soon coming football championships led to a big interest in the medias - especially radio and newspapers.

The world champion in unicycle presented a long line of postcards with consumer's demands to sportswear companies and sports federations. As results the German Sports Association (which represents 28 Million members) promised to support the CCC. The media was very interested. We had articles in more than 50 papers and magazines and also in the radio.

Speakers Tours
Before and after the sports conference there were speakers tours. People from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Indonesia and Rumania toured through Germany and were present at the conference.