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Euratex and the ETUF:TCL, the European social partners in the textile-clothing sector, seeking to fully play their part and wishing to further improve their sector-based social dialogue from a qualitative point of view, adopted the following work programme for 2007. The aim of this programme, supported by social partners at national level, is also to improve the interrelation between the autonomous, sector-based social dialogue at European level, and national dialogues as well as European cross-sectoral dialogues.

The programme also comes within the scope of the follow-up to Commission Communication dated October 13, 2004, entitled "Textile and Clothing after 2005: recommendations of the High level Group for Textiles and Clothing" and the report of the HLG adopted on September 18, 2006.

The programme is structured around a number of sections: trade, industrial and social policy, and the enlargement.

- Following up the textile-clothing issue as part of trade negotiations within the World Trade Organization / China
- Following up the Communication dated October 13, 2004 suggesting industrial, social and regional measures aimed at fostering competitiveness in the textile and clothing sector; implementing recommendations stemming from the High-Level Group; finalizing items pending.
- Enlargement :
  - Integrated Project: project launched by the European Social Sectoral TCL Partners - Euratex, Cotance and ETUF:TCL- aims at "capacity building" of the social partners of the new Member States and Candidate Countries, notably with a view to encouraging their full participation in European sectoral social dialogue (End: 30 May 2007)
- Public procurement: Follow-up of the project PROMPTEX II initiative: dissemination of the guidebook at EU level and results (EU Public Conference organised by DG Enterprise on Public Procurement in Textile and Clothing on January 24 2007)
- Code of conduct:
  - Signing of the code by social partners in the new Member States and candidate countries
- Anticipating industrial changes: Social Dialogue- follow-up of the joint project launched by ETUF:TCL and Euratex on a " Research/Action program" on a better

anticipation/management of the restructuring in the TCL sectors. First RT: February 2007

- Education and Vocational Training: possible joint projects to be discussed- General discussion on the continuous adjustment of vocational training and education to improve the strategy for employment.