



20 February 2017 – For the [World Day of Social Justice](#) , two UN human rights experts call for international action on social justice as awareness is increasing but is not translated into reality.

In a joint statement, [Independent Expert](#) Mr. Alfred de Zayas, and [Special Rapporteur](#) Mr. Idriss Jazairy, call for international action to combat social injustice by external actors.

“There is no such broad-based international awareness of the impact on human rights of the actions of foreign entities, whether states. International organizations like the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund or private sector actors, including transnational corporations,” said the experts.

The tragedies of the [Rana Plaza collapse](#) in Bangladesh in 2016 and [the factory fire](#) in Pakistan in 2012 are only two of the examples where external actors were not held accountable for bad working conditions and social injustice.

## **“We must all work for social justice in international solidarity”**

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The experts call for more policy space by States and more flexibility to meet the economic and social challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. “International solidarity should ensure that all states benefit from globalization and that no one is left behind”, said Mr. de Zayas and Mr. Jazairy.

You can read the full statement [here](#) .