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## **CLARIFICATION TO INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN MEDIA**

With regards to the information circulated in the media originated from the statements of a Senator of the Republic, we inform that it is absolutely false that Éxito sells contraband products in its stores.

The situation to which the media refers, regards to a matter of trademark use in connection with textile products that were imported by a trusted supplier and in compliance with all the legal requirements into Colombia and has no direct or indirect connection with any type of contraband. The units sold represent 0.02% of the textile products that the Company sells annually in the country, a marginal percentage of our textile operation.

This case is currently under review and discussion with the third party involved and the matter is not yet subject of any judicial process.

It is noteworthy, that out of the 51 million of the textile products that the Company sells per year, 94% are purchased from local producers and suppliers, and only 6% is imported through a logistic operator. The strategy of democratization of conscious fashion of Grupo Éxito ratifies the Company's support to local sourcing:

- Private label represents 60% of the clothes sold, of which 97% are made in Colombia in more than 80 textile workshops, which generate around 9 thousand jobs, mostly to employ single mothers.
- Grupo Éxito is one of the most important promoters of local production with approximately 30 million of textile products of private label sold in 2017, double the figure posted in 2015.
- Grupo Éxito is proud of taking the local manufacturing industry to other countries by exporting over 3.5 million of textile products since 2014, which placed us in 2017, as the ninth exporter of clothing, according to figures consulted to the Domestic Taxes and Costumes Office of Colombia ("DIAN").

The foregoing allows the Company to affirm with confidence that it promotes the Colombian textile industry.

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