with the Airbus Standards of Business Conduct and with the International Framework Agreement signed in 2005.

In the International Framework Agreement, the Company reaffirms its willingness to respect the regulation regarding fundamental human rights, equal opportunities, free choice of employment, as well as prohibition of child labour and respect and ensuring the conditions for industrial dialogue.

The Company in particular intends, via its agreements, to respect the disposition of the following ILO conventions: numbers 111 (discrimination – employee and occupation), 100 (equal remuneration), 135 (workers’ representatives), 29 (forced labour), 105 (abolition of forced labour), 182 (child labour), 138 (minimum age), 87 (freedom of association and protection of the right to organise) and 98 (right to organise and collective bargaining).

The head of each business is responsible for ensuring compliance with these principles and will take appropriate measures to ensure their implementation.

The Company is in continuous dialogue with social partners on its sites in Europe, principally through meetings with management at the European Committee level but also through meetings and negotiations at national or local level. Sites outside Europe are covered by Airbus’ ILA framing the social dialogue and social culture in line with local labour legislation, culture and practices of respective countries.

Regular social dialogue is ensured as per ILO requirements and local legislation thanks to the Company’s Societa Europea Work Council (SEWC) agreement in 2015.

Strengthening the role of industrial relations and social dialogue is an enabler of shaping the future of work through workplace cooperation, collective bargaining by enhancing cooperation between employees’ representatives and the top management of Airbus.

In line with its commitments, the Company demonstrated its engagement through the following significant milestones in 2018:

- in 2018, the Company signed the SEWC Reshape agreement promoting mutual understanding and the co-construction of transnational solutions, which should be then reflected at national level. In this frame, the “Airbus Global Forum Initiative” was launched, with the aim of piloting constructive exchange of information with staff representatives at a global level, in line with responsibility and sustainability policies to further engage the social dialogue towards Company globalisation. The first meeting will be held in June 2019 chaired by the Airbus CEO;
- in October 2018, Airbus also joined the Global Deal for Decent Work and Inclusive Growth initiative (“Global Deal”). Launched in 2016, the Global Deal is a multi-stakeholders’ partnership that seeks to address two of the greatest challenges of our time: to reduce high and rising inequalities in opportunities and outcomes and to restore fading trust in the ability of governments and institutions to make economic growth work for all against a backdrop of rapid changes in the world of work. The Global Deal’s founding principles aim at encouraging action through voluntary commitments, increasing knowledge base about social dialogue and sound industrial relations and providing platforms for sharing experiences and best practices. Airbus’ active representation demonstrates that social dialogue’s globalisation is rooted in the Company’s R&S strategy and commitments reflecting the Company being an employer of choice.

In France, following the entry into force of a new legislative framework related to employee representative bodies with the creation of a single body — the new works council Comité Social et Économique (CSE) — Airbus seized the opportunity for an in-depth review of its social dialogue model which resulted in a unanimous signing of six revised agreements pertaining to the regeneration of the social dialogue. These agreements enable the harmonised development within Airbus in France of a social dialogue that is more focused on strategic issues and the general operation of the company with an architecture giving employee representatives access to an overall vision and the opportunity to better support the transformation being undergone by Airbus (including digitalisation, new ways of working, competitiveness, etc.), without neglecting representation of proximity.

In a fast-paced transforming business environment, the quality of social dialogue, proximity and cooperation has demonstrated its added value in supporting our employees. This was accomplished through transnational restructuring plans by negotiating state of the art accompaniment redeployment measures supporting impacted employees in a constructive social climate with no protests and resulting in finding redeployment solutions to 99% of our employees mainly internally as a result of solidarity and priority principles founded in the Company’s HR values.

Human Rights

The Company has a zero tolerance approach to all forms of human rights abuse, including modern slavery, within its business, its operations and within its supply chain.

In light of changing regulatory requirements, Airbus has identified a risk of insufficient awareness of human rights impacts relating to its business and its operations. In response, the Company has decided to launch a programme of work to understand more fully its negative and positive human rights impacts, and to undertake a human rights gap analysis that will consider current and upcoming regulatory requirements, international best practice, the UN Guiding Principles and the UN Global Compact. This work is intended to commence in early 2019.

Modern slavery risks will also be covered in the human rights impact and gap analysis.

As part of its obligations under the UK Modern Slavery Act, and in recognition of the global aim of this topic, Airbus published its second Modern Slavery Statement in 2018. Modern slavery, along with wider human rights, is a topic followed by the Airbus R&S Network. Actions to address these issues and understand associated risks to its business and supply chain continued during 2018. For further information on the evaluation of human rights risks in Airbus’ supply chain, see section 1.1.8.4(b) Responsible Suppliers.

The Company also continued the roll-out of its e-learning modules focused on helping employees identify the signs of human rights abuse and modern slavery, including raising awareness of what to do if they have concerns. At the end of 2018, 4,972 employees had completed this e-learning, which is available in four languages and forms part of the ethics and compliance catalogue of learning. The Company is also committed to promote awareness through internal communication initiatives and awareness sessions and to train its most impacted employees on potential risks.