



January 25, 2011

Dear Professor Ruggie,

We are pleased to submit to you a Statement from the Human Rights Working Group of the United Nations Global Compact.

The Human Rights Working Group is a multi-stakeholder group, whose members serve in their individual capacity, providing advice and engaging in activities on business and human rights to advance the UN Global Compact's human rights principles. The focus of the attached Statement is the recommendations you are developing for follow-up to the UN Protect, Respect, Remedy framework at the international level for presentation to the UN Human Rights Council in June 2011. In particular, the Statement emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the inclusive and multi-stakeholder character of the consultations you have conducted during your mandate will also be a defining feature of the follow on.

As a multi-stakeholder initiative itself, the UN Global Compact - now with over 8,000 participants and other stakeholders and more than 90 active local networks across 130 countries - and its Human Rights Working Group recognize the importance of engaging all societal actors in order to advance business and human rights.

With regard to the Framework, the UN Global Compact will continue its efforts to help businesses around the world understand and implement the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, which is also an integral part of Global Compact Principle 1. And our office, Human Rights Working Group and Local Networks stand ready to assist in the associated follow on activities, including by disseminating information, fostering meaningful dialogue on business and human rights, and special initiatives elaborating the role of business with regard to vulnerable groups, including women and children.

We hope that this Statement will be helpful in the preparation of your recommendations to the UN Human Rights Council.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Mark Moody-Stuart
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