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The Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI) wishes to clarify a statement made by economiesuisse and Swiss Holdings in a public letter printed on your website, dated September 13, 2019, that economiesuisse and SwissHoldings "continue to participate in multilateral efforts to strengthen the protection of human rights at organisations such as ... the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights." While a small number of Swiss-based companies are both GBI members and members of economiesuisse or SwissHoldings, it is not correct to assert that there is or has been any ongoing participation by economisuisse and SwissHoldings in the work and activities of GBI. We have informed both organisations of this. They have also issued a clarification.

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