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Dear Professor Ruggie

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: IMPLEMENTING THE UN “PROTECT, RESPECT AND REMEDY” FRAMEWORK

1 I write to express my appreciation for the support that your Office has provided to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) in the preparations for its study on Corporate Social Responsibility and Human Rights in ASEAN.

2 The UN “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework and the Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights which you developed have been useful references for AICHR’s study. I am confident that they will also help both States and businesses in implementing practical and effective processes in the field of business and human rights.

3 It is my hope that the Guiding Principles will be received positively by the Human Rights Council.

Yours sincerely

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