



## **UN Special Representative Visits Egypt**

United Nations Special Representative for Business and Human Rights, Professor John Ruggie, has concluded an official visit to Cairo, Egypt.

The SRSR was the keynote speaker at two major public forums. The first was a Ministerial CSR Roundtable on “The Role of Governments in Promoting Corporate Responsibility and Private Sector Engagement in Sustainable Development Process,” organized by the Ministry of Family and Population, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Investment, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with several business enterprises and associations, as well as the United Nations Development Fund for Women. Other speakers included Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Abd El Azim Wazeer, Governor of Cairo; Ambassador Moushira Khatab, Minister of Family and Population; Ms. Aisha Abd El Hady, Minister of Manpower; and Dr. Hany Helal, Minister of Higher Education. Numerous private sector and civil society representatives also spoke at the event.

The second keynote was to a Business Roundtable on “An Emerging Approach to Corporate Social Responsibilities, Rights, and Stakeholders in a Business Context,” convened by the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, in cooperation with a number of Egyptian and United Nations institutions. Mr. Youssef Mansour, Chairman, Mansour Group, provided “Reflections” on the SRSR’s remarks.

In addition, the SRSR met with senior officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss next steps in his UN mandate, and he presented an overview of the “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework, as well as his recently released draft “Guidelines for the Implementation of the ‘Protect, Respect and Remedy’ Framework, at a seminar for Foreign Ministry officials.

The SRSR also discussed the Framework and Guidelines with a group of civil society organizations at the office of the United Nations Development Program in Cairo.

These events and discussions are part of the SRSR’s extensive consultative process leading up to the finalization of the Guiding Principles early next year.

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