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Subject: Invitation to register for the first annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, 4-5 December

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has the honour to transmit an invitation to relevant stakeholders to register for the first annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, to be held from 4 to 5 December 2012 in Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The Forum on Business and Human Rights was established by Human Rights Council resolution 17/4. It is under the guidance of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, and will discuss trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework (A/HRC/17/31) and to promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights.

Pursuant to resolution 17/4, the Forum is open to multistakeholder participation, including States, business, civil society, affected individuals and groups and other relevant stakeholders. For information about registration and accreditation, please refer to the OHCHR website (www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business). The deadline for registration is 1 November 2012. Official documents will be posted on the Forum website in an advance version by the end of September and in translated versions by the end of October (tentatively).

The Forum on Business and Human Rights aims to foster genuine dialogue between stakeholders and collective learning, with a focus on identifying opportunities for dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles, in all regions, as well as the experience of different actors in implementing the Principles. Discussions at the Forum will contribute to the identification of good practices and solutions to challenges in this regard. The Working Group is closely engaged with key actors in the business and human rights field to maximize synergies, and to ensure that the Forum outcomes build on and contribute to the effective implementation of the Guiding Principles and the broader business and human rights agenda at the global, regional and national levels.

For any queries related to the Forum, please contact forumbhr@ohchr.org.

Yours sincerely,

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