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ANDREA SHERBERG JOINS SRSG TEAM

The UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business & Human Rights, Professor John Ruggie, is pleased to announce that Andrea Shemberg is joining his team, effective 1 June 2007. Shemberg will lead the mandate's research on the human rights dimensions of investment protection agreements.

Her research will focus on possible tensions between the protection of investor rights and ensuring the protection of human rights. Specifically, it will examine what if any impact stabilization and similar provisions in host government agreements with foreign investors may have on the ability of those states to adopt and implement policies intended to protect and ensure human rights. The research will also suggest ways to ameliorate problems that may arise in this context.

Shemberg holds an MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and a J.D. from The Ohio State University. She practiced labor and employment law before becoming Legal Advisor to Amnesty International UK's Economic Relations team. Most recently she was the Legal Officer for the International Commission of Jurists International Economic Relations Program.

SRSG Ruggie said about the appointment: "My aim all along has been to pursue an evidence-based approach to the mandate. Issues surrounding human rights in the context of investor/host government agreements are still poorly understood. No one is better qualified than Andrea Shemberg to get at the facts. I'm honored and delighted that she has agreed to do so as a member of my team."