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**Subject: Business and Human Rights - Continued push for the EU to deliver at the multilateral level**

**Summary**

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**Details**

1. This note provides a state of play on the various tracks in view of forthcoming meetings in Brussels – COHOM of 3<sup>rd</sup> May as well as EP DROI hearing the same day.

**UN track towards the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles: UN Working Group and Annual Forum**

2. The core group (Argentina, Ghana, Norway and the Russian Federation) is expected to present a resolution at the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council (HRC35) in June 2017 to renew the mandate of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights – a 5-member Special Procedure to promote the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), established by resolution 17/4 in 2011 when the UNGPs elaborated under the leadership of then UNSRSG John Ruggie were adopted by consensus. The Working Group is

also in charge of organising the annual Forum on Business and Human Rights – 26 May 2017 is the deadline for proposals for the 2017 Forum focusing on "Realizing access to remedy" [see our note on the 2016 Forum Ares (2016) 6607152 of 24 November 2016.]

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**UN track towards a legally binding instrument: the Intergovernmental Working Group**

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