EXPERT MEETING ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS,

29 January 2018

European Commission "L/130" building, Rue de la Loi 130

Room: LOI.130.A (11th floor)

Agenda

Objective of the meeting: To exchange views with EU Member States experts and colleagues from the EU institutions on strategic approaches to business and human rights

Welcome coffee

09.30-09.45: Opening of the meeting, Ms Lotte Knudsen, Managing Director, Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service

1. Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

10.30-11.30: National Action Plans: exchange of best practises engagement with the civil society and business (EU's support to NAPs in partner countries (input by COM)

11.30-12.30: Scope of due diligence as a consideration and further development of the due diligence standard (input by FR, EEAS, COM)

12.30-13:30: Overarching EU Action Plan on Business and Human Rights – a possibility? (EEAS, COM, EU MS)

II. Way forward in the multilateral for a

15.00-16.00: Options for a treaty on Business and Human Rights

16.00 – 17.00: Internal brainstorming on ways forward in the various multilateral tracks (EEAS, COM, EU MS)

17.00: Conclusions of the meeting