Concept note and agenda: Multistakeholder Informal consultation on Business and Human Rights

**Aim:** Consult with stakeholders regarding the various tracks in the United Nations in Geneva on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as well as the discussion on the possibility to elaborate a legally binding instrument. The main objective is to deepen our engagement vis-à-vis all the relevant stakeholders in the field of Business and Human Rights. The related objectives are

(i) to hear the views and expectations from stakeholders regarding the EU policy at the internal level; action at the external level including through the network of EU Delegations and its position at the multilateral level

(ii) to explore ways to reinforce the cooperation between the EU, CSOs and businesses at local level to boost the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles, in particular in countries with challenging human rights situations

(iii) take stock of opportunities and challenges on Business and Human Rights at the global level

**Participants:** approx. 60 participants, including key CSOs active on BHR, HRDs, victims, companies leading the way on RBC/CSR, trade unions and NHRIs.

**Date:** 11/06

**Venue:** Brussels
Agenda

9.00 – 09.30 Welcome and coffee

09.30 – 10.00 Introduction – EU actions in the field of Business and Human Rights

- EEAS representative
- Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament (tbc)

10.00 – 11.00 Panel discussion: achievements of the EU and potential for further action in the implementation of the UNGPs globally

- COMMISSION representative
- Rachel Davis, Shift project (tbc)
- [name suppressed], CSR Europe (tbc)
- [name suppressed], UN Working Group on BHR (tbc)

11.00 – 11.15: coffee break

11.15 – 13.00: Panel discussion: EU involvement in the various UN tracks: potential and challenges for common ground at the multilateral level

- EEAS: progress in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles and state of play of discussions for a legally binding instrument
- [name suppressed], FIDH
- [name suppressed], International Organisation of Employers (tbc)
- Sharan Burrow, General Secretary International Trade Union Confederation (tbc)
- [name suppressed], International Commission of Jurists (tbc)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Enhancing partnerships and multi-stakeholder dialogue

- Multi-stakeholder cooperation and National Action Plans: [name suppressed], Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Multi-stakeholder cooperation in countries with challenging human rights situations: [name suppressed], Nestle OR [name suppressed], DELL (tbc)
- [name suppressed], Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (tbc)
- [name suppressed], AICHR Thailand (tbc)
- Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade: [name suppressed] – Global Witness (tbc)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 Enhancing access to remedy

- [name suppressed] – [name suppressed] – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- Challenges in access to remedy for victims: Gam Shimray, Asia Indigenous People Pact
• Scaling up efforts on human rights and access to remedy - Unilever OR (tbc)
• Working with Human Rights Defenders and enhancing access to remedy: [insert details here], Adidas Group (tbc)

17.30 – 18.00 Wrap up and conclusions