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Subject: Human Rights Council Resolution 21/5 - Contribution of the United Nations system as a whole to the advancement of the business and human rights agenda and the dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to draw their attention to Human Rights Council resolution 21/5 entitled "Contribution of the United Nations system as a whole to the advancement of the business and human rights agenda and the dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights,"

Paragraph 11 of that resolution requests "the Secretary-General to undertake a feasibility study to explore the establishment of a global fund to enhance the capacity of stakeholders to advance the implementation of the Guiding Principles; the study should explore relevant issues, including how to secure multi-stakeholder engagement, governance models and funding options; stakeholders should be involved in a consultative process using existing channels such as the Forum on Business and Human Rights, consultations with the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, written and other informal consultations; the conclusions should be presented to the Human Rights Council and included in the report of the Secretary-General in June 2014."

In this regard, the Office of the High Commissioner has the honour to transmit to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the attached call for input.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if any information Governments may wish to provide could be sent to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (United Nations Office at Geneva, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Fax: +41 22 928 9010, Email: registry@ohchr.org), by **31 January 2014**.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva.



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