Dear Members and Colleagues,

Following our recent report of a Council of Europe (CoE) initiative to draft a non-binding standard to address the gaps in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights, the IOE has submitted preliminary comments to the CoE (which can be downloaded via the link in the side panel).

The next meeting of the CoE working group (CDDH-CORP), in which the IOE will participate, is on 24-26 September in Strasbourg.

We strongly encourage IOE members from the countries/regions represented on the working group to discuss the issues at hand (especially that of extraterritorial jurisdiction) with their government representatives in advance of the meeting. This concerns members in Albania, Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Republic of Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, Canada, European Union, Japan, Mexico, USA.

We will keep you informed of further developments. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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