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UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO REMEDY

Dear Members, Partners and Colleagues

We bring you up to speed on the project of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to develop recommendations on improving access to remedy in cases of human rights violations by business - a process in which the IOE has been fully engaged.

On 30 June 2016, the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution, which:

- welcomes the work of OHCHR on access to remedy
- encourages States to consider undertaking a review of the coverage and effectiveness of domestic law regimes that are related to respect by business enterprises for human rights, taking into account as appropriate, the recommendations of OHCHR on improving access to remedy
- encourages States to develop a comprehensive strategy for improving accountability and access to remedy, including by using the OHCHR recommendations
- encourages States to take steps to improve the effectiveness of international cooperation between State agencies and judicial bodies with respect to law enforcement of domestic legal regimes to address business-related human rights abuses
- requests the High Commissioner to convene two open consultations on the OHCHR report in 2017, dedicating the first consultation to analysing best practices and how to improve the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation and the second consultation on steps taken by States on improving accountability and access to remedy
- requests the High Commissioner to identify and analyse lessons learned, best practices, challenges and possibilities to improve the effectiveness of State-based non-judicial mechanisms that are relevant for the respect by business enterprises for human rights, including in a cross-border context.

Further information is accessible via the links in the side panel. The IOE will continue to engage in the process and will keep you informed about the consultations scheduled for 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
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USEFUL LINKS

- ★ [UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Access to Remedy \(adopted 30 June 2016\)](#)
- ★ [OHCHR recommendations on improving access to remedy](#)
- ★ [OHCHR explanatory notes for guidance](#)
- ★ [IOE Comments on the draft OHCHR Recommendations on Access to Remedy](#)

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