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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and has the honour to transmit on behalf of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises an update on the preparations for the fifth annual Forum on Business and Human Rights to be held in Palais des Nations from 14 to 16 November 2016.

Pursuant to Human Right Council resolutions 17/4 and 26/22, the Forum will focus on trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework (A/HRC/17/31) and promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights.

Information about the Forum is available on:
www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Forum/Pages/2016ForumBHR.aspx


Pursuant to resolution 17/4, the Forum is open to multistakeholder participation, including States, business, civil society, and affected individuals and groups. Registration will open in August.

The Working Group, which has a mandate to guide the Forum, aims to repeat the success of the 2015 Forum in involving stakeholders in the organization of parallel sessions, and would like to **invite States, business, civil society and other stakeholders to submit proposals for parallel sessions**. For details about this invitation to submit parallel session proposals, please refer to the Forum web site:

www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Business/ForumSession5/2016BusinessForumCallProposals.pdf. French and Spanish translations will be prepared in due course.

For any queries related to the fifth annual Forum, please contact forumbhr@ohchr.org.

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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