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PROGRAMME

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ADVANCING THE AGENDA

Monday 10 October – Wednesday 12 October 2005

WPS05/33 WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2005

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| 1300-1430 | | <i>Buffet lunch</i> |
| 1500-1515 | | INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE
Isobelle JAQUES
Associate Director, Wilton Park
and
Ursula WYNHOVEN
Human Rights Adviser, Global Compact Office |
| 1515-1645 | 1 | THE BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA
John G RUGGIE
Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; Kirkpatrick Professor of International Affairs and Director, Center for Business and Government, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge |
| 1730-1900 | 2 | WHAT DEFINES A COMPANY'S 'SPHERE OF INFLUENCE' AND WHO DOES IT INCLUDE?
Nicholas HOWEN
Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva
and
GARY CAMPKIN
Head, International Group, Confederation of British Industry, London |
| 1930 | | <i>Reception</i> |
| 2000 | | <i>Dinner</i> |

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2005

- 0900-1030 **3 HOW CAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AFFECT ISSUES AND POLICIES IMPACTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THEIR 'SPHERE OF INFLUENCE'?**
Gareth LLEWELLYN
Group Corporate Responsibility Director, National Grid plc, London
Michael POSNER
Executive Director, Human Rights First, New York
- 1100-1230 **4 HOW FAR DOES THE CONCEPT OF 'COMPLICITY' IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS EXTEND AND HOW CAN COMPANIES BEST AVOID IT?**
Edward BICKHAM
Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Anglo American, London
and
Andrew CLAPHAM
Professor of Public International Law, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva
- 1300 *Lunch*
- 1430-1600 **5 LEARNING LESSONS FROM CASE STUDIES: GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON**
(a) What role for the private sector in conflict zones?
Jessica BANFIELD
Senior Programme Officer, International Alert, London
(b) How far does corporate responsibility extend to persons displaced by business activity?
Arvind GANESAN
Director, Business and Human Rights Program, Human Rights Watch, Washington DC
(c) What can be the responses in situations of child labour?
Marc HOFSTETTER
Executive Director, ECLT Foundation, Geneva
- 1630-1800 **6 TO WHAT EXTENT CAN VOLUNTARISM PROVIDE ANSWERS? WHAT ARE GOOD WORKING PRACTICES FOR COMPANIES IN COUNTRIES OF POOR GOVERNANCE?**
Bennett FREEMAN
Managing Director for Corporate Responsibility, Burson-Marsteller, Washington DC
- 1815-1900 **7 Report back from working groups**
- 2000 *Dinner*

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2005

- 0900-1030 **8 WHAT IS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES?**
David ROBERTS
Head, Global Business Group, Economic Policy Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London
- 1100-1230 **9 TAKING THE AGENDA FORWARD: OPTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION**
Mary ROBINSON
Honorary, Chair, Business Leaders' Initiative on Human Rights; President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, New York
- 1245 *Lunch*
- 1400 *Participants depart*