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Draft agenda

- 9:00 am **Opening of meeting and welcome by Chair Mary Robinson**
- 9:10 am **The 60th anniversary of the UDHR and the role of the HRWG --**
An update of activities planned around the 60th commemoration will be presented. Working group members will be invited to set an example for other Global Compact participants and stakeholders by participating in helping to promote the UDHR during the anniversary year.
- 9:45 am **Update by the team of the SRSG on Business and Human Rights**
on the current phase of his work, which is focusing on recommendations. John Ruggie's team will share with the group, and seek input on, his current thinking, especially as it relates to the role that he would like to see the UN Global Compact play.
- 10:00 am **Business and Human Rights Tools** - Use of business and human rights tools can help address human rights concerns and identify human rights opportunities in a systematic fashion. However, uptake of such tools remains low. Recent developments aimed at enhancing the coherence of business and human rights tools that exist will be presented for the consideration and possible endorsement by the HRWG.
- 10:45 am **Codification of good practices to resolve recurrent dilemmas** - Following up on the clearing house idea that had been proposed at the last meeting, a draft methodology will be introduced and working group members will be asked to consider a list of dilemmas that could be considered using this methodology and to suggest other possible dilemmas.
- 11:15 am Coffee break
- 11:30 am **Communication on progress and human rights** - The revised version of the Global Compact's Guide to Communicating Progress has been published in consultation draft form. It contains indicators and

examples on human rights. The working group members are asked to review the portions of the draft relating to human rights and to provide their suggestions for improvement

- 12:00 pm **Global Compact Local Networks** – Previous meetings of the HRWG have identified Local Networks as essential in helping Global Compact participants to raise their awareness of human rights and available resources that may assist with implementation efforts, as well as being important fora for learning, and dialogue activities around dilemmas. A representative from the Global Compact Local Network framework will elaborate on the concept of Local Networks as a basis for discussion in the HRWG about how best to engage and support Local Networks on business and human rights. Members of the UK Global Compact Network will be invited to participate in the meeting and will be able to offer their perspective. An additional item for discussion is the question of awards for good performance. While these are not awards by the Global Compact Office, the office has been asked for its feedback on what might be appropriate criteria for such awards. Sample criteria will be offered for the HRWG's consideration and input.
- 1:00 pm **Working lunch**
- Conclude discussions, ensure tasks are allocated, and any other business
- 2:00 pm Closure of meeting