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Subject: Launch of OHCHR Accountability and Remedy Project II Open Process Questionnaire.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva and wishes to inform about the launch of a global questionnaire for the OHCHR Accountability and Remedy Project part II (cf. Note Verbale dated 16 December 2016).

The Accountability and Remedy Project seeks to enhance corporate accountability and improve access to remedy in cases of corporate involvement in severe human rights abuses. OHCHR will report to the Human Rights Council on the Project pursuant to its resolution 32/10 (A/HRC/RES/32/10, OP 13). The aim of the global questionnaire is to ensure a broad, geographically diverse, evidence base for the Accountability and Remedy Project part II, which will help ensure that the outputs of the project responds to situation on the ground and are appropriate to a wide range of country situations.

OHCHR would like to invite States to complete the questionnaire with regards to State-based non-judicial mechanisms within their territory or jurisdiction, but more importantly, invites States to share the questionnaire with any relevant stakeholders that could provide input on non-judicial mechanisms within their territory or jurisdiction, from a user perspective.

The questionnaire is attached in English, French and Spanish and will also be available on the following website: http://tiny.cc/ARP2opg

Answers to the Open Process questionnaire are requested by 15 September 2017. via email to business-access2remedy@ohchr.org or on the dedicated website above. For questions, please contact Ms. Elisabeth Andvig at eandvig@ohchr.org or +41 2291 79 245.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of the opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office.

