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Dear U.N. Working Group on Business and Human Rights:

With the goal of supporting the Working Group's *Project on Business in Conflict and Post-Conflict Contexts*, we am sharing publications that resulted from an ongoing collaboration beginning in 2015, between the Center for International Law and Policy (CILP), El Centro Regional de Empresas y Emprendimientos Responsables (CREER) which is an affiliate of the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB). These three concept notes explore the overlap between the fields of transitional justice (TJ) and business and human rights (BHR) and were elaborated in anticipation of two international symposiums.

The first concept is "Collective Building of Truth and Reconciliation: The Contributions and Challenges of Private Sector Participation in Colombia's Transitional Justice Process" (2017)

<a href="https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/colombia-concept-paper-business-community-peace-reconciliation.pdf">https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/colombia-concept-paper-business-community-peace-reconciliation.pdf</a> which was used as a way to organize an initial conversation during an international symposium that took place in Bogotá, Colombia from February 20-21, 2017.

As a follow up, we convened an expert workshop entitled, "Building Bridges: Processes for Business-Community Truth & Reconciliation" which convened on March 26, 2018 in Boston, USA. The dialogue of that day was framed by the concept note, "Processes for Business-Community Collective Building of Truth and Reconciliation." <a href="https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/colombia-concept-paper-business-community-peace-reconciliation.pdf">https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/colombia-concept-paper-business-community-peace-reconciliation.pdf</a>

Additionally, CILP produced a briefing report in the early stages of this collaboration to start framing our discussion: "Briefing Report on Transitional Justice and Corporate Accountability" <a href="https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/cilp-report-on-tj-and-business-2017.pdf?sfvrsn=2">https://www.nesl.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/cilp-report-on-tj-and-business-2017.pdf?sfvrsn=2</a>.

Our institutions continue to collaborate to support Colombia's intent to integrate a focus on business in its transitional justice process initiated upon the conclusion of the 2017 Peace Accord and thus appreciate the attention that the Working Group is bringing to the question of how the fields of TJ and BHR complement each other and look forward to future dialogue on this theme.

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