

Concerning UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights report on business in conflict and post-conflict contexts for the 2020 General Assembly

The Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs wishes to thank the UN working Group on Business and Human Rights for this chance to give input as part of the process to clarify the practical steps that States and business should take to implement the Guiding Principles in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

Our comment concerns the question of State policy, regulations and adjudication to protect against corporate related human rights abuses and promote conflict-sensitive responsible business in conflict and post-conflict situations (bullet 1):

Corporate social responsibility and responsible corporate behavior are Danish priorities. The Mediation and Complaints-Handling Institution for Responsible Business Conduct (NCP Denmark) is an institution, which addresses such issues. NCP Denmark is established by Danish law and based on the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. It promotes responsible business conduct through implantation of OECD-guidelines and receives complaints related to non-compliance with the principles set up by the OECD-guidelines. Accepted complaints follow a number of steps from assessment to mediation or investigation and statement by the Institution. NCP Denmark also handles cases connected to responsible business conduct in conflict or post-conflict situations. We note that the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas is of special relevance to the question of responsible business conduct in conflict or post-conflict situations.