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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the request to submit information to the Secretary General study on exploring the feasibility of establishing a global fund to support capacity building on business and human rights, pursuant to the HRC resolution A/HRC/RES/21/5.

The permanent Mission of the State of Qatar is pleased to attach herewith the above mentioned requested information as received from the competent authorities in the State of Qatar.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurance of its highest consideration.

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1. What is the desirable mandate for a fund in this area?

The state of Qatar reaffirms that the realization of the global fund to enhance the capacity of the stakeholders is needed to advance the implementation of the Guiding Principle. The Fund's mandate should prioritize capacity building of small and medium enterprises (SME's), civil society, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and grassroots organizations since such organizations might experience limited access to traditional financing from banking institutions and protect the human rights of those most vulnerable. Furthermore, the guiding principle should be integrated fully into the planning, capacity building and development efforts at the national level and the local level.

2. Should a fund in this area focus only on awarding grants or should it have as part of its mandate the broader aim of developing good practices in this field?

The fund in this area should not be focused only on awarding grants, but also on the broader aim of developing good practices in this field.

3. How should a fund in this area be governed?

As most of the existing trust funds are governed by the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) we think that the proposed fund would go the same direction and be governed by the OHCHR.

4. What issues should be considered with respect to sources of funding?

Contributions to the fund should be balanced in a way as to safeguard the fund's independence and credibility including the evaluation process of the fund's grants. Therefore the (OHCHR) should take into considerations a shareholder-balanced approach with regards to contributions for a fund.