

Statement by Poland

Forum on Business and Human Rights 2016

Poland wishes to thank the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for its support to this Forum, and the Working Group for its organization.

We are firmly committed to the implementation of the “UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)” endorsed by consensus by the UN Human Rights Council in 2011.

Poland is in the process of developing a National Action Plan (NAP) as part of the state responsibility to disseminate and implement UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a coordinator of the process, mandated external expert to conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders on their expectations and priorities for the NAP. In 2016 a cross-ministerial working group started its work. The necessary researches and analysis are coming to an end. In coming months, there are planned extensive consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the civil society, trade unions and the business community. The adoption of the NAP is scheduled for the first quarter of 2017.

We are committed to continuing to engage with all parties in order to advance the global business and human rights agenda through a consensual track at the UN level. While we made some progress so far, in the end our success will be measured against the capacity to prevent human rights violations and to ensure effective access to remedy when such violations occur.