B-Tech Civil Society Engagement Note

UN Human Rights B-Tech Project involves key actors from the tech sector, government, academia, and civil society to leverage and build on existing expertise and insights on the application of the UNGPs in the technology sector; and the overall approach of the project is to work in a multi-stakeholder fashion, though specific events may involve only single stakeholders as appropriate.

A key component of the B-Tech Project's multi-stakeholder engagement is the dialogue with civil society.

As part of its engagement with civil society, the B-Tech team plans to organize calls (online meetings) on a regular basis with an open group of key relevant civil society representatives. It will also continue its bilateral engagement on an *ad hoc* basis with civil society representatives on specific or emerging issues.

➕ This engagement with civil society aims at:

- Providing updates on evolving B-Tech strategy and work, and gather inputs/reflections by civil society on it
- Providing an avenue to explore potential synergies between ongoing work and identify potential for cooperation
- Hearing from CSOs about their key priorities on Business & Human Rights in relation to digital technologies and provide a regular communication channel to raise issues with B-Tech, and the UN Human Rights Office more broadly, when needed
- Sharing relevant information in writing at any stage to inform the conversation
- Asking for special convening for specific purposes (region/country/issue-specific)

➕ Regular engagement format:

- Quarterly CSO virtual meeting open for attendance by civil society representatives, duration: 1 hour
- Agenda will be determined by relevant updates/events/needs of participants
- We will offer a morning session CET and afternoon session CET to accommodate for different time zones

Participating organizations are voluntarily taking part in this format and their participation does not equal an endorsement of B-Tech activities. To join these quarterly calls, please send an email to the project team at ohchr-b-techproject@un.org