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Dear Professor Ruggie,

We support the United Nations 'Protect, Respect and Remedy' Framework. We believe that this, together with the Guiding Principles for Implementation, will help businesses better understand and manage their roles and responsibilities in Human Rights.

Sime Darby is a Malaysian transnational corporation operating in over 20 countries and employing more than 100,000 individuals. We have businesses in Plantations, Property, Industrial, Utilities, Energy, Automotive and Healthcare. We have no doubt that the work your team has delivered will aid our efforts to operate more responsibly in all our territories, with all our people and across all the sectors in which we have businesses.

Earlier this year we co-hosted a workshop in Kuala Lumpur on the Framework for Senior Managers from some of Malaysia's major government-linked companies. The participants were both positive and encouraged that the Framework offered practicable steps through the sensitivities and complexities that often shroud Human Rights issues. Later this year we aim to host a business roundtable for ASEAN business leaders to build awareness and encourage uptake of the Framework and Guiding Principles.

We are also pleased that your work is now informing global corporate responsibility standards such as the IFC Performance Standards and ISO 26000. Inter-relationships between your work and these standards will ensure the Framework is the first point of reference for companies on how to handle Human Rights sustainably.

Thank you to you and your team.

Yours Sincerely,



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