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approaches for improving the effective enjoyment
of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Human rights and transnational corporations and other
business enterprises

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the
General Assembly the report of his Special Representative on the issue of human
rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, John Ruggie,
submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 8/7.***

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*** The report was submitted late in order to include the most recent developments.
Summary

The present report provides an overview of the main developments related to the work of the Special Representative in implementing his mandate, with a focus on the period since the presentation of his latest report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/14/27) in June 2010. As discussed with the Council at that time, the Special Representative will submit two products at the end of his mandate in June 2011: a set of guiding principles for the implementation of the “protect, respect and remedy” framework, and an options paper outlining possible ways the Council might follow up on the mandate. The present report notes the consultative process that the Special Representative will pursue in elaborating the guiding principles, addresses some of the challenges posed by the issue of extraterritorial jurisdiction in the context of business and human rights, discusses the scope and application of the corporate responsibility to respect human rights in the supply chains of business enterprises and provides an update on activities and developments related to the Special Representative’s work to promote the framework.

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