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civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Sixth Regional Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Business and Human Rights**

### **Report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises\***

1. The sixth Regional Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Business and Human Rights, with the theme “Building a regional road map for the next decade of business and human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean”, was held virtually from 4 to 6 October 2021. The Regional Forum was organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico and the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, in cooperation with the European Union, the International Labour Organization and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in the framework of the European Union-funded project on Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean. The virtual multi-stakeholder Forum hosted 44 thematic sessions and attracted 2,850 registered participants from 50 countries. The Forum once again was highly successful in fostering multi-stakeholder dialogue and an exchange of practices and in incentivizing further development to promote responsible business practices in the region.

2. The Regional Forum sought to stimulate discussions among key stakeholders of the region about challenges, opportunities and priorities to build collectively a regional road map for the next decade of business and human rights and responsible business conduct agenda in the region. The event was based on the Working Group’s stocktaking report on progress made in implementing the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights at the global level. The road-testing version of the regional road map<sup>1</sup> was presented at the annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, held on 30 November 2021.<sup>2</sup> The regional road map is divided into five areas – the Guiding Principles as a compass to address the region’s challenges; the State’s duty to protect; the corporate responsibility to respect human rights; effective access

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<sup>1</sup> <https://empresasyderechoshumanos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/LAC-roadmap-ENG-roadtesting-version.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the project, see [www.ohchr.org/SP/Issues/Business/Pages/UNGPsBizHRnext10.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/SP/Issues/Business/Pages/UNGPsBizHRnext10.aspx).



to redress mechanisms; and protection of and respect for the rights of vulnerable groups – and sets forth objectives and related actions for each of them.

3. The implementation of the regional road map will be discussed at the upcoming Regional Forum, highlighting interesting practices, remaining challenges and the need for updated and additional actions. The road map will then serve as a living document to evaluate the relevant progress made and remaining challenges in the region.

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