



Joint statement on the occasion of Wilton Park meeting on Human Rights and Mega-Sporting Events

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Global sporting events should be planned and carried out with due respect for international human rights standards. The United Nations (UN) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the International Labour Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and other relevant international standards, as well as the expert mechanisms of these and other UN agencies, provide valuable foundations for all associated with delivering Mega-Sporting Events (MSEs), such as the Olympic games or football world and regional cups. Our organizations recognize the pressing need for a more comprehensive approach to managing social risks and adverse human rights impacts arising from MSEs. We welcome the initiative of the Institute for Human Rights and Business, the Government of Switzerland and Wilton Park to co-convene a two-day meeting on Human Rights and Mega-Sporting Events, which seeks to help ensure such events respect human rights and social inclusion and contribute to sustainable development.

We support the aim of the meeting organisers to discuss and build consensus on the need, among others, for an independent centre for learning on responsibility in sporting events and methods of accountability for their delivery. We are committed to engaging actively in these discussions within our respective mandates and look forward to further dialogue and joint action in this area involving all relevant actors.

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