

To: H.E. Ambassador Barry Desker
Singapore Representative and Chair of AICHR

H.E. Dr. Seree Nonthasoot
Thailand Representative of AICHR

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AICHR Representatives
The ASEAN Secretariat

Your Excellency Ambassador Barry Desker and Dr.Seree Nonthasoot,

On behalf of the 13 CSOs that participated in the AICHR Interregional Dialogue: Sharing Good Practices on Business and Human Rights, I would like to submit the oral statement of CSOs which has been shared during the event.

The CSOs oral statement enlisted three main recommendations in regards to the Business and Human Rights in the region, namely: (1) To call ASEAN members states and AICHR to affirm its commitment to a Regional Action Plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and existing obligations under the core human rights treaties, and provide clarity on the process moving forward; (2) To request for the provision of further information on the continuity of dialogues such as this, and clear ways forward, including how the outcomes of this forum will be carried forward in AICHR's work with governments and other stakeholders; (3) as well as to Engage with other regional human rights mechanisms to learn from their experiences including on civil society engagement, and work with CSOs as an integral part of future discussions and action points.

We would like to convey our appreciation toward AICHR and ASEAN Member States (AMS) for organized this Interregional Dialogue on Business and Human Rights, and for ensuring participation of civil society organizations with consultative and non-consultative status with AICHR; we commend the effort of inclusion.

We believe that this meeting is a pivotal moment for fast-tracking the AICHR's focus on Business and Human Rights and therefore we kindly request for the CSOs oral statement as part of the official meeting notes.

With warm regards,



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