Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights



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The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) is an instrument consisting of 31 principles implementing the United Nations 'Protect, Respect and Remedy' framework on this issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises. Developed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Guiding Principles provided the first global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity, and continue to provide the internationally accepted framework for enhancing standards and practice regarding business and human rights. On 16 June 2011, the United Nations Human cr Rights Council unanimously endorsed the Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, making the framework the first corporate human rights responsibility initiative to be endorsed by the United Nations. on

The UNGPs encompass three pillars outlining how states and businesses should implement the framework: the state duty to protect human rights; the corporate responsibility to respect human rights; access to remedy for victims of business-related abuses.

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