

Mandates of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

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Dear Doctor,

We thank you for your letter of 20 March 2018 regarding communication OTH 10/2018 concerning the alleged exposure of women workers to hazardous substances and inadequate working conditions in two Samsung Electronic factories based in Vietnam, and the alleged intimidation of health and environmental advocates by Samsung Electronics.

We look forward to receiving your responses to the questions formulated in our communication and remain ready to pursue our dialogue on this specific case, as well as on your activities related to the protection of human rights throughout your global operations.

The UN Working Group on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises will be open to continue discussions on your engagement with the UN Guiding Principles and your efforts to ensure strong respect for human rights during its next sessions from 14-18 May 2018 in Geneva. A member of the Working Group, Professor Surya Deva, will be in Seoul during 18-22 June 2018 and would also be available to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,

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