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Dear Members of President Trump’s Strategic and Policy Forum,

As business leaders participating in U.S. President Donald Trump's Strategic and Policy Forum, we are writing in advance of your first meeting on 3 February 2017 to urge you to show individual and collective leadership on human rights and responsible business practices. We call on you to take action on the following issues with the President and his advisors:

1) **Speak out strongly against the President's Executive Order restricting entry into the U.S. for refugees, immigrants, and documented residents from selected countries.** This should include using your position as participants of the Presidential Forum to get the policy rescinded for the adverse impact it has had for human rights internationally and for both U.S. and international businesses, at home and abroad. The Executive Order undermines respect for human rights and the lives of workers and their families in the U.S. and beyond, and disrupts economic activity and company operations.

2) **Recommend that the President and his Administration join with you and the global business community to ensure respect for the human rights of workers, regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender identity, at home and in global value chains.** This includes helping to ensure people's rights are protected, that they are paid a living wage, that men and women workers are treated with equal dignity, that their rights to organize and bargain collectively are respected, and that their health and safety on the job and in their communities is protected.

3) **Urge the U.S. government to work with other nations to align corporate policies and practices with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.** This means making the business case for sustainability, including by developing common metrics to track performance consistent with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international standards, as well as policies to push financial markets and drive industry-wide progress including with respect to greater investment in sustainable infrastructure needed to deliver on the global goals.
Promoting respect for human rights and responsible business conduct will not only benefit the American people, but will ensure an inclusive and prosperous economy. As members of the President’s Strategic and Policy Forum there is tremendous potential for you to drive positive change for those in the United States, and for millions of people around the world. We therefore urge you, as business leaders accountable to your customers, employees, and shareholders, to show leadership and to use your influence to ensure that human rights are promoted not only through your business activities but through your engagement with the federal government.

Sincerely,

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