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“For those companies who see war zones and repressive regimes as niche markets, law enforcement and civil actions are probably the best option. But for the majority of businesses who find themselves working in or sourcing from places where violence and coercion are facts of life, this report will be a welcome source of guidance. No document can offer a simple and guaranteed way to eliminate all the risks of business-related human rights abuse, but this report from the Institute for Human Rights and Business will go a long way to helping companies act responsibly in the most difficult of circumstances.”

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