



**Australian Government**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

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Ms Rachel Ball  
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Dear Ms Ball

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2016 regarding a National Action Plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. I am replying on behalf of the Foreign Minister.

In the context of Australia's response to its Universal Periodic Review appearance in November 2015, the Government has determined to undertake a national consultation on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights during 2016. This consultation will be led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

We will be in touch later in the year to invite your participation in these consultations.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth Wilde'.

Elizabeth Wilde  
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