

Dear Madam or Sir,  
dear Mr. Hunt,

with great interest I read the "Human Rights Guidelines for  
Pharmaceutical  
Companies in relation to Access to Medicine".

Working in particular on human rights impact and accountability  
mechanisms of  
business enterprises for human rights, I find these guidelines very  
timely (if not  
even overdue) and helpful. It is most important that - after the UN  
Norms for  
Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Regard  
to Human  
Rights - were not endorsed by the then Human Rights Commissions,  
initiatives  
such as the above mentioned Guidelines by the Special Rapporteur on  
the right to  
health are taken forward.

When and where will these Guidelines be endorsed? Will they be  
discussed at the  
upcoming session of the Human Rights Council in March? Will the HRC  
in any way  
decide about the future of these guidelines?

And will John Ruggie also take up these guidelines in his report on  
Business and  
Human Rights, due - as far as I know - to be discussed at the 8th  
session of the  
Human Rights Council in June?

Looking forward to your reply,  
and with best wishes and my sincere expression of support for your  
important work

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