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BRIEFING NOTE

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SUBJECT: Practical Recommendations on Conflict Preventions and Responses

There are four focal resources that provide feasible actions that can be adopted by companies to mitigate company community conflicts:(1) the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR), (2) the International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMMB) the UNÕs Toolkit and Guidance for Prenting and Managing Land and Natural Resources Conflict (UN Extractive Industries and Conflict) and (4) The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICMB).

A few caveats shuld be noted before interpreting any recommendations VPASHR-based Toolkit prepared by the World Bank Group and Anvil Mini(2008) outlinesthree challenges faced by companies and security providers when attempting to implement activiti(ets) addressing focal objectives and standards, the recommendations may not translatelocal community, (2) without effective and efficient followup there is no viable way of measuring the practicality of these recommendations, (clear communication must be the to the respective stakeholders that play a role in the security environment, or else there is no way to ensure activities are coordinated.

Under the VPSHRÖßloß and Responsibilities of Companié 2014, it is suggested that companies should record and report allegations of security lated incidents with human rights implications and investigatemento preventany recurrence. This is a way to not only respond to conflict by acknowledging sit existence, but also preventing similar situations.

(2003), there are two values that can translate intonflict prevention and response Principle 3 discusses upholding fundamental human rights by respecting the context of the communities they are working in. This means companies should ensure their staff, including security ponnel, are provided with appropriate cultural and human rights training. By doing so, this prevents misunderstandings between the community and companies avoiding conflicts related to cultural tensions. Principle 9 discusses contributing to the social economic, and institutional development of communities that companies are operating in. This means that companities precautionary measures to evaluate issue areas that impact the community and avean ongoing systems communicate withhose paties.

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The UN Extractive Industries and Conflict 2012 has six guidlines to prevent conflict, with a few that could be beneficial for companies responding to issues. First, by engaging with communities and stakeholders. This can prevent conflict by ensulring ties are provided with information and training. Second, strengthening institutional and legal frameworks to govern development and management to administer the rights and demands of stakeholders. Third, incorporating highvalue natural resources interacted processes forming an arrangement address structural issues that can address the causes of the conflict.

The DCAF and ICRÕsAddressing Security and Human Rights Challenges in Complex Environments Toolki(2015) guidesthrough complex environments, managing security that is effective while respecting human rights his Toolkit addresses challenges by three main actors to deal with the idepth and complex issues faced and is constantly updated to maintain its practicality. The first section focuses on the governments and their challenges of: engagement and coordination of povernance and transparence, and human rights concerns he second section deals with blic security forces that are challenged with security arrangements privatization of public security, Memorandum of Understanding etting, training, and human rights violations. The third section looks trivate security providers challenge with risk and impact assessment and contracts abour standard socal procurement vetting, training, relationship between public and private security equipment and use of force versight and accountability and human rights abuses.

A common approach used by all four toolkits is instilling a preliminary mechanism that attempts to understand the prexisting issues of the areas, which then tailors the specific actions of the companies to accommodate to community neledisthermore, there are four principles that can guide prevention and responses. (1) Recording and tracking praisonagoing conflicts to understand situations, which provides knowledge of existing tensions that caendae atto, to prevent escalation(2) VPSHR instilled in training and workshops to all staff, which will uphold a certain standard staffide. (3) Cultural training to understand and respect the controval cultural and social tensions betweether company and community builting a sense of trust. (4) Ensuring all workshops, trainings, and policies are constantly updates to maintain its practical use and reflect situations, experiences, and learned lessons.

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