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### **NNHRC announces the official visit of a U.N. Working Group on Business and Human Rights to the United States**

SAINT MICHAELS, Navajo Nation—The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission announces a visit of the **United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights** to the United States from **April 22, 2013 to May 1, 2013**, which will include a visit to **Flagstaff, Arizona** on Saturday, **April 27, 2013** among other official visits nationwide.

Currently, details for the official visit to Flagstaff, Ariz., are being facilitated by NNHRC.

“The visit will include engagement with the U.S. Government, state/local governments, business enterprises, civil society and other stakeholders to identify current initiatives, opportunities, challenges and good practices in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the United States,” stated Michael van Gelderen for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to NNHRC.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner has stated that the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights “set a global standard on preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity.”

#### **Including indigenous peoples**

“The Working Group has also decided to address the situation of indigenous peoples as part of its programme of work, in collaboration with other relevant UN bodies on the rights of indigenous peoples,” stated van Gelderen in his e-mail to NNHRC. “One of the perspectives that the Working Group is keen to capture as part of the US visit is that of the protection and respect for the human rights of indigenous peoples, including Native Americans, in the context of business activities.”

For more information about the Guiding Principles and the U.N. Working Group, visit [www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/BusinessIndex.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/BusinessIndex.aspx) and [www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/WGHRandtransnationalcorporationsandotherbusiness.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/WGHRandtransnationalcorporationsandotherbusiness.aspx).

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