PUBLIC INFORMATION BRIEF CDD MOÇAMBIQUE

National Working Group.

Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights

01 Who we are

Based in Maputo, the National Working Group is a platform for dialogue on security and human rights in business operations. It brings together government institutions, the State defence and security sector, extractive companies, private security companies, international organisations and civil society.

It is driven by a shared commitment: **ensuring that security arrangements for business operations respect the rights of communities and workers.**

VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES

VPSHR

The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR) guide companies in assessing risks and engaging with public security forces and private security providers in a manner that respects human rights.

02 What we do

01

Promote risk prevention and respect for human rights

Assess security-related human rights risks in business operations and recommend measures to prevent abuses and improve security practices.

02

Bring stakeholders together

Convene government, business and civil society to share experiences, discuss concerns and develop joint responses, recognising each stakeholder's responsibilities.

03

Follow up on commitments

Review progress and challenges in implementing the Voluntary Principles and track delivery of actions agreed by members.

04

Strengthen national coordination

Promote coherence between the National Action Plans on the Voluntary Principles and on Business and Human Rights, supporting coordination among the institutions involved.

03 How we work

The Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs provides political leadership. CDD serves as the Secretariat and a catalyst for collaboration, facilitating dialogue and follow-up on agreed actions. The Working Group benefits from technical support from DCAF.

Ministério Da Justiça Assuntos Constitucionais e Religiosos

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs

CDD Centro para Democracia e Direitos Humanos

SECRETARIAT & CATALYST

Centre for Democracy and Human Rights

DCAF Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

! **Scope.** The Working Group promotes dialogue, prevention and institutional coordination. Its work does not replace the mandates of the authorities responsible for investigations, access to justice and accountability for human rights violations.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To translate national commitments into security practices that protect people, respect their rights and prevent abuses, while strengthening community engagement and accountability of the State and businesses.

04 How to engage

Communities, workers, institutions and other stakeholders can contact CDD's Technical Secretariat for information about the Working Group and to raise concerns about security and human rights in business operations.

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