CHEVRON SUBMISSION TO THE UN WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Chevron welcomes the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises and congratulates its members on their appointment. Since 2007, we have participated in the public consultation process on the development of the UN Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework and Guiding Principles. We will continue to engage on the Framework, Principles, and other relevant external guidelines through our involvement in IPIECA, as well as global multi-stakeholder dialogues on business and human rights.

As it develops its work plan, we encourage the Working Group to focus on the following:

- Continue to test the durability of an inclusive, collaborative and consensus building model for engaging the spectrum of stakeholders and business and human rights issues.

- In order to assess key issues, trends and drivers, encourage stakeholders from a variety of different geographies, sectors and industries to provide feedback.

- Recognize not only the diversity of actors who are engaged in managing human rights issues but that the cooperation, combination and cumulative action of each is indispensible.

- With regard to the annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, consult with businesses and business associations early and seek regular input from them on emerging issues.

- Seek opportunities for collaborative learning on business and human rights issues rather than developing prescriptive measures.

- Recognize the utility of building on existing policies, regulations and systems and that “one size does not fit all”.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments. We look forward to continued engagement with the Working Group on their priorities and activities.