



Business at OECD (BIAC) Issues Statement Upon Passing Away of Dr. John Ruggie

Paris, 22 September 2021— *Business at OECD (BIAC) has issued the following statement upon the passing away of Dr. John Ruggie:*

It is with great sadness that BIAC has learned of the passing away of Professor John Ruggie, the intellectual father of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

BIAC was intensely involved in the simultaneous and closely intertwined processes of developing the UN Guiding Principles and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. With his great intellect, wisdom, energy and drive, and genuine effort for inclusiveness of all stakeholders, John Ruggie inspired these processes with unprecedented positive energy, leading to result with enduring effect. The UNGP and OECD Guidelines are still the authoritative international reference instruments for responsible business conduct worldwide. They revolutionized business thinking and behavior.

John will be remembered as a friend, a colleague and an extraordinary personality with a strong sense of humor and an outstanding mastery of language, forging a new vocabulary in the policy field of RBC. He will continue to be a great source of inspiration for the international business community. Our thoughts are with his family.

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