## **Industry Statement**

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In June of 2009 at a conference in Nyon, Switzerland, industry representatives committed to pursuing an international code of conduct built on the success of the "Montreux Document" and in partnership with key governments, nongovernmental organizations and humanitarian organizations as well as other key stakeholders.

The result of this collaboration is the 'International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' (ICoC) which was completed in October 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland after numerous meetings and consultations with partners and stakeholders and with special efforts to ensure that the ICoC is compliant with Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. Industry supports an ambitious timetable for the next steps to implement a compliance and governance mechanism.

The industry expresses its gratitude to the Swiss government for its crucial role in hosting and facilitating the process and whose ongoing support has played a vital role in ensuring this process has been inclusive and comprehensive. We are also grateful to the U.S. and UK governments who have energetically supported the process and ensured its success.

We commend all companies providing international security services who have signed the code today.

At the outset of this process, we recognize that the ICoC presents an opportunity to address broader stakeholder concerns and to serve all our clients, government and otherwise, in a transparent, professional and ethical manner.

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