

# FY23 Microsoft Norwegian Transparency Act Statement



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## Summary

This Statement describes the actions taken by Microsoft Corporation and its subsidiaries covered by reporting requirements (the Reporting Entities listed in Annex 1) during Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in our operations and our supply chains pursuant to the <u>United Kingdom (UK) Modern Slavery Act</u>, <u>Australian Modern Slavery Act</u><sup>1</sup>, and the <u>Canadian Forced Labor Reporting Law (S-211)</u><sup>2</sup>, and our due diligence and related risk prevention and remediation measures pursuant to the <u>Norwegian Transparency Act</u> (collectively the Supply Chain Reporting Laws). Microsoft Corporation and the Reporting Entities are hereinafter collectively referred to as Microsoft.

While Microsoft has previously issued separate statements under these laws, this report compiles information to address each law's substantive requirements. A mapping of the different sections of the report to each law's reporting requirements is identified in Annex 2. This statement is approved and signed by entities in scope of the Norwegian Transparency Act.

The statement outlines the efforts we took in FY23 to advance the principles of the <u>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</u> (the Declaration) and to respect human rights in Microsoft's operations, supply chain, products, and services. It is reflective of our global, risk-based approach to identify and address human rights, including modern slavery, health and safety, and environmental risks in our operations and value chains. Throughout this statement, we reference "modern slavery" which includes forced, debt bonded, indentured, child, slave or involuntary labor (including prison labor) and human trafficking.

Microsoft continues to develop, implement, and enforce measures that allow workers in our global supply chains and our employees to exercise their human rights. Senior management of the supply chains teams contributing to goods and services sold by the Reporting Entities, have contributed to and reviewed the content of this Statement.

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth), the Australian Reporting Entities conduct business for Microsoft in Australia as subsidiaries. Microsoft Pty Ltd is a proprietary company limited by shares and its principal operations are to market, distribute and sell Microsoft's goods and services in Australia. Microsoft Australia Holdings Pty Ltd and Microsoft Datacenter (Australia) Pty Ltd are also proprietary companies limited by shares and together operate Microsoft's Australian data center servers. LinkedIn Singapore Pte Ltd is a private company limited by shares and is a registered foreign company in Australia (as of 22 October 2016) which supports the operation delivery of Microsoft's social and professional network platform, LinkedIn, in the Asia-Pacific region. Of all Australian Reporting Entities, only Microsoft Australia Holdings Pty Ltd owns and controls other entities, including Microsoft Datacenter (Australia) Pty Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Canadian Fighting Against Forced Labor and Child Labor in Supply Chains Act came into effect on Jan 01, 2024. To the extent that any additional disclosures are required by the Canadian regulators, they will be made in a future report.

## Introduction

In the aftermath of World War II, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the <u>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</u> (the Declaration). As the foundation of international human rights law, including the laws that are the subject of this statement, the Declaration outlines the basic rights and fundamental freedoms of all human beings. The Declaration and other core human rights laws, principles, and norms attest that decent working conditions and access to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment are basic human rights. Decent work is essential for inclusive and sustainable livelihoods and is foundational to a life of dignity.

Microsoft is committed to advancing those rights through our business practices and philanthropic work, and this is discussed more broadly in our Human Rights Report, available on the Microsoft Human Rights website. This report provides an overview of the work we do in our operations and supply chains to respect human rights and align our due diligence practices with those set out in leading standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (the UNGPs) and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Microsoft's Global Human Rights Statement, which applies to Microsoft and all its subsidiaries, outlines our commitment to respecting and promoting the rights of our employees, product users, suppliers, and others who are impacted by our technology.

Microsoft develops, implements, and enforces measures to prohibit and remedy labor exploitation, including human trafficking, forced and involuntary labor, prison labor, and child labor, consistent with the standards and conventions of international law. We require our suppliers to treat their employees fairly, to provide fair compensation and to protect the health and safety of workers. Microsoft will continue our mission to uphold human rights including exploring how we can apply technology to advance human rights through efforts like increasing connectivity to technology and increasing transparency throughout our supply chains. We will continue to be transparent in our work and report on our progress.

## Microsoft's approach: Structure, business, and supply chains

#### **About Microsoft**

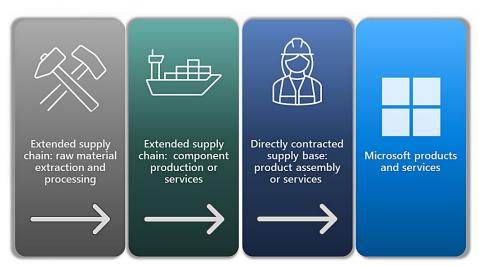
Microsoft is a publicly traded (NASDAQ: MSFT) technology company whose mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. We strive to create growth and positive impact worldwide.

Founded in 1975, Microsoft develops and supports software, services, devices, and solutions that deliver new value for customers and help people and businesses realize their full potential. We offer an array of services, including cloud-based solutions that provide customers with software, services, platforms, and content, and we provide solution support and consulting services. We also deliver relevant online advertising to a global audience. Our products include operating systems, cross-device productivity applications, server applications, business solution applications, desktop and server management tools, software development tools, and video games. We also design, manufacture, and sell devices, including personal computers, tablets, gaming and entertainment consoles, other intelligent devices, and related accessories. As we continue to evolve, we are leading in the new era of Al and cloud computing, creating Al powered platforms and tools that deliver better, faster, and more effective solutions to support small and large business competitiveness, improve educational and health outcomes, grow public-sector efficiency, and empower human ingenuity.

As outlined in our <u>2022 Impact Summary Report</u>, Microsoft's commitment and responsibility extends beyond the development of products and technology. Microsoft succeeds when we help the world around us succeed. That is why we are steadfast in our commitments to advance inclusive economic growth, protect fundamental rights, create a sustainable future, and earn trust.

#### Our global supply chains

As a global technology company, our supply chains have multiple tiers of suppliers. In FY23, we sourced goods and services from over 20,000 directly contracted suppliers in 107 countries, and across 92 commodity types such as electronics, construction, event and marketing services. Our supply chains are formed by layered networks of directly contracted suppliers and the extended supply chain (indirect or sub-tier) which is comprised of suppliers that service our direct suppliers.



Upholding our commitments to human rights and decent working conditions requires a combination of centralized and business-unit specific functions. These business units are at various stages of implementation based on the specific business lines and scope within Microsoft's supply chain. Each of the Reporting Entities sells products and services that have components supplied under the management of different supply chain teams, as is further described below. We strive to make positive impact throughout this network through our policies and practices.

#### Microsoft's supply chain teams

Microsoft manages relationships with its supply chains through the following teams (collectively referred to as Supply Chain Teams), which make goods and services that may be sold by the Reporting Entities:

- **Procurement**: Maintains relationships with suppliers providing goods and services to Microsoft business units and corporate operations, including suppliers that operate Microsoft's owned buildings and transportation fleet.
- **Devices**: Maintains relationships with suppliers manufacturing our devices, related packaging materials, or components.
- **Cloud Hardware**: Maintains relationships with suppliers manufacturing hardware components and equipment that go into our data center servers supporting Microsoft's global cloud infrastructure.
- **Cloud Operations and Innovation (CO+I)**: Maintains relationships with suppliers supporting our datacenter land acquisitions, construction, and operations.
- **LinkedIn**: Maintains relationships with suppliers supporting LinkedIn goods and services sold by Reporting Entities.
- **GitHub**: Maintains relationships with suppliers supporting GitHub services sold by Reporting Entities. In FY23, GitHub supplier management was integrated into Procurement and is now covered by Procurement.

## Risk management oversight and management responsibility

As part of Microsoft's ongoing commitment to safeguarding respect for the environment and human rights in its supply chain, Microsoft established the Supply Chain Integrity (SCI) Team. SCI exists within the Corporate, External, and Legal Affairs (CELA) Technology for Fundamental Rights (TFR) organization. SCI is responsible for the company's strategy on supply chain due diligence standards covering environment, health and safety, human rights, and ethics, as well as supplier risk management in our global supply chains.

SCI works across Microsoft's global operations and supply chains, including the supply chains of the products and services sold through our Reporting Entities, to identify and mitigate supply chain risks. The team partners across Microsoft to manage compliance with global laws and regulations, as well as expectations from customers, investors, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders. SCI standardizes due diligence and reporting practices for Supply Chain Teams, reviews implementation of these requirements, monitors progress, and shares practices. In addition, SCI works with external organizations, as detailed in the Microsoft External Engagements section below. Open engagement expands our impact and provides an opportunity to learn from our peers and stakeholders. Through cross-company and cross-industry collaborations, we identify and mitigate risks, including modern slavery risks. Continuous improvement results in real impacts realized by the individuals and communities tied to our global supply chains.

The Environmental, Social, and Public Policy (ESPP) Committee of the Board oversees our environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility work, and partners with management to review our supply chain integrity policies, programs, and performance. SCI, Supply Chain Teams, and other compliance teams within CELA provide regular updates to their senior leadership for visibility and oversight; all engage in cross-team reporting and collaboration to identify ways to advance Microsoft's compliance and commitments. These Microsoft corporate teams include:

- Legal experts;
- Investor Relations;
- Human Rights;
- Trade;
- Customs;
- Environmental Sustainability;
- Corporate Communications and Public Relations;
- Enterprise Risk Management;
- Digital Infrastructure; and
- Internal Audit.

Risks in Microsoft's own operations are overseen by experts in responsible teams, including Human Resources, Global Occupational, Health and Safety (OHS), CELA, and Finance, and reported to appropriate levels of senior management during the normal course of business. In 2023, the Global OHS team established the OHS Council, a steering committee that meets twice per year, to review developments in OHS management, including new risks or risk mitigation elements identified by the OHS team. This newly established council also works to identify risks for each business group within Microsoft and develops risk mitigation plans. We are developing a centralized OHS program covering all of Microsoft's locations and

have OHS programs in specific countries to meet local requirements. As an example, we sponsor health and safety training, occupational medical exams, risk assessments ergonomics, incident management inspections, safety and health committees, and mental health and wellbeing programs.

## **Fundamental rights policies**

Supporting economic growth, protecting fundamental rights, creating a sustainable future, and earning trust are key to Microsoft's long-term mission. We work to implement these commitments throughout our operations, supply chains, and broader society. We are committed to respecting and taking steps to ensure our suppliers respect internationally recognized human rights, including those relevant to the elimination of modern slavery, in the following key international instruments:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- <u>International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work,</u> including the core labor conventions;
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
- Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- <u>International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;</u>
- Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols;
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
- United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

We are members, signatories, or supporters of the following frameworks and multi-stakeholder initiatives:

- Child Rights and Business Principles,
- United Nations Global Compact,
- Tackling Discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, & Intersex People,
- Women's Empowerment Principles, and
- Global Network Initiative.

#### Global Human Rights Statement

Our commitment to respecting and promoting human rights, to ensure that technology plays a positive role across the globe.

Learn more here.

#### Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement

Our approach to supply chain due diligence risk management and mitigation measures.

Learn more here.

# Supplier Codes of Conduct

Our expectations for suppliers are outlined in the Microsoft Supplier Code of Conduct, LinkedIn Provider Code of Conduct, and Partner Code of Conduct (Trust Code).

Learn more <u>here.</u>

We have also developed and adopted our own statement on human rights. The Microsoft Global Human Rights Statement describes our approach to advancing human dignity and respecting human rights by:

- Clearly stating our human rights policies;
- Explaining how we advance these policies through our business operations and practices;
- Proactively engaging with stakeholders for feedback to help evolve our approach; and
- Looking to international principles and norms, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business; and Human Rights, to guide our human rights due diligence.

#### Supply chain integrity in action: Aligning codes with LinkedIn

LinkedIn adopted the Microsoft Global Human Rights Statement, which describes our approach to advancing human dignity and respecting human rights. LinkedIn's adoption of the Statement is an example of how an acquired company can leverage Microsoft's governance around human rights.

We put these commitments into practice by:

- Actively participating in and leveraging relevant human rights-focused collaborative initiatives, such
  as the <u>Responsible Business Alliance</u> and the <u>Responsible Minerals Initiative</u>, discussed further in the
  Microsoft External Engagements section; and
- Communicating annually on the work we are doing to meet our human rights responsibilities through our reporting and other transparency vehicles.

We have created, published, and enacted three Microsoft-specific documents to guide how we, our suppliers, and sub-tier suppliers, operate: the Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement, the Supplier Code of Conduct, and the Partner Code of Conduct. Each of these documents is critical to defining and acting on our human rights commitments.

Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement: The statement outlines how Microsoft operationalizes
our overall commitment to human rights and environment, outlined in the Microsoft Global Human
Rights Statement, in our corporate, business and subsidiary supply chains through supply chain risk
management measures. This policy statement targets Microsoft's direct and extended supply chain
and mandates a risk management system in alignment with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for
Responsible Business Conduct, the steps which are outlined in the graphic below. The policy is
communicated to Microsoft employees and contractors responsible for managing supply chain risks,
as well as all our directly contracted suppliers.



Supplier Code of Conduct: Supplier expectations are defined in Microsoft's Supplier Code of Conduct
(SCoC) and the Code of Conduct for Doing Business with LinkedIn. Directly contracted suppliers are
contractually obligated to meet these requirements. They are also required to cascade Microsoft's
human rights supply chain expectations to their supply chains through their own direct contracts with
sub-tier suppliers.

# Supply chain integrity in action: Going beyond standards defined in our SCoC

The following are examples of how we go beyond our SCoC standards to address supplier categories with human rights and environmental impacts.

**Devices:** In addition to implementing company-wide policies and procedures, Devices carries out enhanced due diligence to mitigate risks specific to its organization. Devices hardware and packaging suppliers go beyond the standards defined in the SCoC and also meet the standards set out in the supplementary <u>Supplier Social and Environmental Accountability</u> (<u>SEA) Manual</u>. The Manual includes enhanced expectations for, amongst other areas, freely chosen employment, child labor prohibitions, worker living conditions and wages, human rights, safe working practices, raw materials, and environmental, health, and safety protections. These requirements must be included in suppliers' contracts with sub-tier suppliers too, to address modern slavery and other risks across Devices' direct and indirect supply chains.

**Cloud Hardware:** The team implements the Advanced Security & Resiliency Architecture (ASRA), an independent supplier assessment that includes standards for supplier resiliency and security. Suppliers are required to communicate ASRA standards and perform assessments to verify sub-tier suppliers, partners, and contractors adhere to requirements.

3. Microsoft Partner Code of Conduct (PCoC): This applies to Microsoft Partners and their employees, agents, and subcontractors (collectively referred to as Partners), which work with us to serve Microsoft customers. As outlined in the PCoC, Partners must provide a safe and healthy work environment that is fully compliant with all employment, health, and safety laws. Partners are also required to abide by local minimum wage and maximum working hour requirements and are prohibited from using forced labor, child labor or labor contracts that impose unreasonable limitations on a worker's ability to leave a Partner's employment.

The Supply Chain Human Rights Statement, SCoC, and the PCoC are reviewed and updated as our understanding and situations change and demonstrate and advance our dedication to continually improve. Every year, we update Microsoft policies, procedures, and supplier requirements to reflect risk trends, new legal requirements, and stakeholder expectations. We continue to enhance our human rights policies through development and implementation of a global Microsoft Health and Safety Policy. At Microsoft, we also recognize that human rights are inherently tied to the health of the environment. Creating a sustainable future is one of our corporate social responsibility pillars, and our work reflects this priority. We continue to make progress towards our carbon negative, water positive, zero waste, and ecosystem protection commitments, as highlighted in our 2022 Microsoft Environmental Sustainability Report.

#### Supply chain integrity in action: Procurement updates

We continually strive to stay on the leading edge of supply chain best practices. We hold suppliers to standards that protect human rights, the health and safety of workers, and the environment. These efforts align with our company-wide Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitments to support inclusive economic growth, protect fundamental rights, create a sustainable future, and earn trust.

In FY23, we advanced these commitments by taking concrete action throughout the supply chain.

**Update of the Microsoft Supplier Code of Conduct.** We've strengthened our SCoC by integrating our CSR commitments into our most recent update. This update puts us in compliance with new and existing supply chain transparency laws across the globe. We review our Code of Conduct regularly to identify updates that will minimize harm and expand our positive impact on the people and communities that contribute to making Microsoft products.

**Supplier attestation requirement.** We also implemented an annual supplier attestation to our SCoC. This brings our supply chain processes into compliance with recently passed due diligence transparency laws in Germany and Norway. In July 2023, we extended the attestation requirements to our global supply base. By going beyond country-specific laws, we hold our entire supply chain to the same standards.

## Stakeholder consultation

The requirements defined in the Microsoft and Linkedln SCoC and our risk management practices are drawn from internationally recognized standards, legal obligations, and industry best practices. Extensive stakeholder and subject matter consultations and reviews, including with vulnerable populations, are conducted in the development of these standards and best practices.

## Embedding fundamental rights strategy and risk assessments

Supply chains are critical to Microsoft's business. These complex networks touch virtually every part of the company, enabling us to create the products, devices, and services for which Microsoft is known. We embed our commitment to fundamental rights in how we manage and monitor our supply chains, and empower our own employees with guidance and support throughout Microsoft operations worldwide.

This responsibility flows throughout all Microsoft Supply Chain Teams. Corporate guidance, informed by global legal requirements and established Microsoft policy, steers teams in enacting due diligence management systems, which include, as a key component, various measures designed to assess risk. These apply to both our directly contracted suppliers and our extended supply chains.

#### **Own operations**

Microsoft engages in ongoing reviews of potential human rights risks across the company and acts when potential risks arise. Responsible groups work in their respective domain areas to review, address, and reduce human rights risks raised by employees, a new law or a change in law, or as part of the regular course of business operations.

For potential health and safety issues, OHS support personnel collaborate with work teams to understand their work activities and determine the types of risk associated with those work activities and their severity. The team then determines the best mitigation to minimize that risk and trains new workers. Microsoft is working to centralize OHS risk assessments and their prioritization for countries within our footprint, including potential OHS risks to our employees in our Norwegian offices within the next year.

#### **Directly contracted supply base**

We conduct an annual company-wide supply chain risk assessment to identify human rights and environmental risk, then prioritize steps to reduce identify risks. This assessment covers all direct supplier categories to inform our prioritization of those supplier categories posing the highest risks in our supply chains. To evaluate which categories warrant the most attention, we consider criteria such as country-specific environmental and human rights risk and supplier sectoral risk.

Based on the results of the risk assessment, each Supply Chain Team reviews their supplier categories annually, starting with their highest risk categories. They then conduct supplier risk assessments to determine the type and frequency of supplier monitoring needed.

All Supply Chain Teams remain vigilant for the risk of modern slavery practices and follow company-wide policies to identify and prevent modern slavery in their operations and supply chains. In line with our risk-based approach to due diligence, our programs to minimize modern slavery practices focus on the Devices and Cloud Hardware supply chains, particularly in high-risk countries where risks to potentially vulnerable workers are higher. This aligns with <a href="mailto:the United States Department of Labor's List of Goods">the United States Department of Labor's List of Goods</a> <a href="Produced with Child Labor or Forced Labor">Produced with Child Labor or Forced Labor</a>, which has identified electronics manufacturing as a potential area that might pose a threat of child and forced labor.

#### **Extended supply chain**

Microsoft adopts a risk-based approach in assessing our indirect raw materials supply chain – that is, how the materials needed for our products and services get to our suppliers. While Microsoft does not have direct contracts with sub-tier suppliers in the raw materials supply chain, we nevertheless assess our

indirect suppliers using a variety of factors to identify the ones that present the highest social, environmental, and business risks. We then survey our directly contracted suppliers to gather additional data on how prioritized high-risk materials are sourced.

#### **Event-related risk analysis**

Sometimes we identify a new risk during the year. This may be triggered by changes in our supply chain profile such as new country operations, new business relationships, new human rights challenges or conflicts, or other event-related risks. To better understand and mitigate new risks, we do not wait for routine assessments, but rather conduct an ad-hoc risk assessment. We addressed several new risks in FY23, including challenges raised by continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for geodiversification, and the enactment of new laws.

#### **Communication of results**

Through Microsoft's most recent risk assessment, we prioritized review of the following risks due to the nature of our business and supply chains: forced labor, workplace health and safety risks, excessive overtime, threats to community health and wellbeing (including land use and property rights, particularly for local communities and indigenous peoples), freedom of association, discrimination and harassment, corruption, low wages, and child labor. We also identified a need to provide dedicated OHS support personnel for certain global locations, such as Norway, and to improve the OHS emergency preparedness program. Corporate risk assessment results are communicated to senior leadership and all Supply Chain Teams. We also include this information in our public Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement. In addition, Supply Chain Teams communicate risks specific to particular supply chains to the senior leadership of the respective business team.

## Risk mitigation measures

The crucial first step in building supply chains that uphold human rights is to acquire information that helps us identify and analyze risk not just within our supply chains but throughout our own operations. The logical next question: What do we do with that information? The answer is, we provide concrete and actionable mitigation measures. These measures work to mitigate the risk of modern slavery, and other human rights and environmental impacts.

#### **Own operations**

Microsoft continues to prioritize prevention of risks for our employees through the following measures:

- We have complied with workplace health and safety requirements and prioritized employee safety throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by taking appropriate health and safety measures informed by science and public health authorities.
- We adopted a set of labor principles affirming the right of our employees to organize as appropriate and continue to maintain strong partnerships with our works councils and external trade unions.
- We do not tolerate workplace discrimination or harassment, and are committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Any complaints of workplace discrimination or harassment are reviewed and acted upon as appropriate under Microsoft's polices.
- We pay employees in accordance with the terms and conditions of their employment agreements (or contracts) consistent with local law and comply with applicable minimum wage requirements. In most cases, Microsoft's pay is well above minimum legal requirements given the competitive talent landscape in which we operate.
- We provide every employee with access to Microsoft's internal employee policy statements via Microsoft's intranet and require all employees to take annual training regarding Microsoft's Standards of Business Conduct, which includes, among other policies, Microsoft's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policy, and Workplace Violence Policy.
- We are developing a centralized OHS program covering all of Microsoft's locations and have OHS
  programs in specific countries to meet local requirements. As an example, we sponsor health and
  safety training, occupational medical exams, risk assessments ergonomics, incident management
  inspections, safety and health committees, and mental health and wellbeing programs. In FY2024, we will
  be working to implement the global strategy in Norway.

#### **Directly contracted supply base**

Microsoft employs mitigation measures to prevent risk impacts among direct suppliers, including:

- **Evaluating suppliers before contracting**: New suppliers are vetted through a pre-qualification process including a risk assessment. We review results against relevant external benchmarks or metrics, such as industry risk indices, while evaluating a potential supplier's fit for our needs. In some supplier categories, suppliers are required to complete a self-assessment questionnaire and in other high-risk supplier categories, we conduct pre-qualification assessments before engaging.
- Weighing suppliers' dedication to human rights and applying appropriate procurement strategies: Supply Chain Teams review the performance of suppliers, including their compliance with environmental and human rights standards in the SCoC. Teams consider this evaluation when deciding whether or not to begin or continue working with suppliers.

- **Embedding human rights compliance into contracts**: Suppliers are contractually obligated to abide by Microsoft's or LinkedIn's SCoC.
- **Training to support compliance**: All suppliers must complete the SCoC training and confirm their understanding of supplier expectations.
- Adhering to risk management practices: All suppliers are expected to build management systems to mitigate risks to the standards set by Microsoft in the SCoC. If suppliers do not meet expectations, they are required to correct their processes within Microsoft-mandated timelines.

## Supply chain integrity in action: Vetting and assessments

Suppliers are vetted before we engage their services. Additionally, they sign onto the Microsoft or LinkedIn Supplier Code of Conduct and the Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement. Still, sometimes suppliers' performance falls short of these standards, and in those cases, we take corrective action, and may also suspend or terminate suppliers that do not uphold our human rights standards. Here, several examples show how we address supplier issues, including in our Devices and Cloud Hardware electronics supply chains, which pose higher environmental and human rights risks.

**Devices:** The Devices Supply Chain Team regularly engages with and monitors suppliers to prevent forced labor. Specially trained auditors look for indicators of forced labor, applying the factors defined by the <u>International Labor Organization Indicators of Forced Labor</u>. Beyond the issues that are flagged through the Corporate Integrity Hotline, a worker hotline also receives tips of possible violations. If the team finds an indicator of forced labor, they investigate and work with the supplier to correct the issue, including steps to minimize harm to workers, and use our contractual agreements.

**Cloud:** The Cloud Hardware Supply Chain Team uses the independent supplier assessment ASRA, including its Labor and Human Rights requirements, to evaluate suppliers. This assessment enables the team to focus on high-risk issues such as child labor, working hours, wages and benefits, humane treatment, non-discrimination, freedom of association, and freely chosen employment. They also monitor workplace safety, product safety, hazardous substances management, waste management, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility.

**LinkedIn:** LinkedIn expanded its Supplier Risk and Compliance Program. New risk assessments and due diligence policies cover Supply Chain Integrity, Diversity & Inclusion, and Environmental risks. These assessments support LinkedIn in identifying, evaluating, and managing risks. Further, LinkedIn extended its comprehensive grievance mechanism beyond employees. Now LinkedIn suppliers can also report human rights violations through an established, documented process. The mechanism includes a built-in process to address identified violations.

#### **Extended supply chain**

In addition to addressing issues in our immediate supply chain, we mitigate risks in our extended supply chains – that is, the supply chains that provide our direct suppliers with the goods and services they need to operate. We evaluate risk trends and gather information received from industry bodies, governments, and our suppliers.

Microsoft participates in the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process ("RMAP") through the Responsible Minerals Initiative ("RMI") to bolster our risk management of raw materials extraction and processing suppliers in the electronics hardware supply chain. A range of industry stakeholders leverage and support RMAP. RMAP verifies that minerals processors (smelters and refiners) employ responsible sourcing practices and management systems, and requires independent, third-party audits to assess, monitor, and validate whether smelters and refiners process conflict minerals (tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold, also known as 3TGs) from sources that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in a Conflict Affected and High-Risk Area (CAHRA). The audit protocol is aligned with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct. More information about mapping, smelters and refiners, and conflict minerals and cobalt used in Devices supply chains can be found in the Microsoft Devices Smelter and Refiner List and Microsoft's Conflict Minerals Report.

We also work beyond our direct supply chain to promote responsible mining practices in CAHRAs. We partner with multi-stakeholder groups such as the <u>Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance</u> (IRMA), the <u>Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade</u> (PPA), industry organizations including the RMI, and others. We seek to go beyond the minimum requirements established by the OECD Due Diligence Guidance to assess and reduce sourcing risks and improve working conditions in our raw material supply chains. Finally, we partner with on-the-ground organizations to solve root-cause issues underlying raw materials risks and downstream impacts of mining that affect surrounding communities. Through our leadership within RMI and IRMA, Microsoft is working to influence the future of responsible raw materials sourcing so that minerals are mined to international standards co-created by, co-governed by, and accessible to impacted communities.

# Supply chain integrity in action: Mitigating forced labor risk in the extended supply chain

Mitigation of forced labor risk relies on commitment and collaboration at every point in the supply chain. Since FY19, Devices has extended our social and environmental accountability requirements to sub-tier suppliers given electronics suppliers pose a higher risk for human rights impacts. These requirements include measures on freely chosen employment.

To effect downstream compliance with our human rights standards, we require suppliers to establish and follow a robust supplier management system. This enables suppliers to communicate policies, identify and mitigate risks, assess and audit sub-tier suppliers, manage violations, and confirm auditor competency.

In some of our highest-risk supply chains, our oversight includes on-site supplier assessments, including of labor agencies used, every year. We also require any non-conformance closure to follow Microsoft standards, as outlined and agreed upon in the signed SCoC.

We have built upon this progress in FY23 as described below.

**Train suppliers.** We developed a sub-tier supplier due diligence guidebook. We also offered training to accompany the new guidebook and provided direct support for suppliers to establish a supplier compliance management system. Roughly 520 attendees joined the trainings, increasing supplier capacity to reduce forced labor risk among sub-tier suppliers.

**Build supplier auditor capability.** A compliance management system is one vital piece to mitigating forced labor risk. A robust system also needs competent, trained individuals to implement and manage the risks. To enable this, we delivered three sessions of auditor courses in Chinese and English. Training covered audit skills, labor risk identification, and Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) risk identification for potential safety and environmental hazards. Over 450 supplier auditors attended the webinar trainings.

**Monitor suppliers' performance.** We closely track our Tier 1 suppliers' performance in compliance management and sub-tier supplier management. Monthly reporting and assessments confirm that all Tier 1 suppliers include freely chosen employment factors in their supplier risk assessments and audits. When issues are identified, Tier 1 suppliers require their suppliers to correct the issue within Microsoft established timelines.

## **Remediation processes**

When suppliers do not abide by the protections laid out in our Supply Chain Human Rights Policy Statement and Supplier Code of Conduct, we take steps to correct the issues.

#### **Directly contracted supply base**

Supply Chain Teams conduct risk-based monitoring of supplier practices throughout the time we engage with the supplier. Depending on the supplier category, monitoring may include reviewing supplier practices through questionnaires, desk-based assessments, and/or on-site assessments. For our electronics suppliers, on-site assessments are primarily conducted by qualified third parties.

If we or a third party identify findings, the relevant Supply Chain Team, in alignment with Microsoft's corporate guidance and international due diligence principles, assesses whether Microsoft is causing, contributing to, or directly linked to an actual or potential adverse human rights or environmental impact. Given the nature of our relationships with direct suppliers, most non-conformances are cases where Microsoft has a direct contractual relationship with the supplier such that we can work directly to implement corrective action, remediate the problem where possible, or terminate the contractual relationship, where applicable. We have already or are developing systems, so all investigations and assessments of non-conformances utilize a process with clear internal responsibility and escalation paths.

#### Steps include:

- Documenting how investigations and assessments are conducted;
- Documenting how issues are mitigated and resolved; and
- Integrating new risk categories identified during investigations and supplier assessments into our annual risk reviews.

Supply Chain Teams prioritize the management of non-conformances by considering numerous factors, including the likelihood of the adverse impact (confirmed, likely, possible, speculative), the severity of the adverse impact (critical, serious, major, minor), our ability to bring about change with the supplier, and whether terminating the relationship would cause adverse consequences for workers.

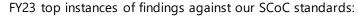
Corrective actions include remediation plans, closure timeframes based on severity, and a business process for tracking closure. In the event of a violation of Microsoft policies, and in line with international standards, we work with suppliers to mitigate risks. If a supplier is unable or unwilling to respect rights, a supplier engagement may be restricted, suspended, or terminated, and any related products may be removed from the market. Supply Chain Teams also coordinate with each other to influence shared supplier practices.

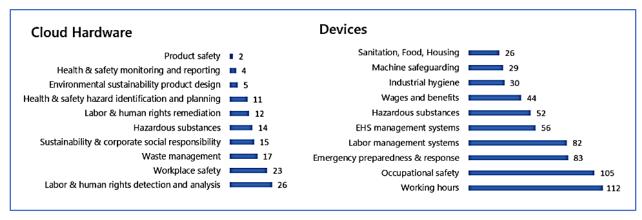
#### **Assessment findings and closure**

Microsoft monitors suppliers based on risk they represent in our supply chains, and the Devices and Cloud Hardware electronics supply chains pose a higher risk for environmental and human rights impacts. If supplier issues are found within the Devices supply chain, third-party auditors and Microsoft teams review and verify supplier action plans. Suppliers must provide corrective action and remedy any findings following timelines based on severity. In an instance where a critical finding of forced labor is found, Microsoft senior management is notified within 24 hours with a mandate that suppliers implement and

contain the issue within 24 hours. The Devices team then schedules a follow up audit in 7 days to validate that the issue has been resolved. If the supplier cannot resolve the issue within the required timeline, the supplier will be restricted from use.

Similarly, for the Cloud Hardware supply chain, Microsoft works closely with suppliers to develop effective remediation plans to mitigate and resolve compliance gaps and track corrective actions through implementation. Assessment findings are classified by severity of issue, which determines the timeframe that suppliers have for remediation. here a critical finding of forced labor is identified, the supplier is required to generate a remediation plan to correct the finding. The remediation plan is reviewed by the Cloud Hardware assessment team and if the proposal is adequate, the plan is approved and the supplier must implement the corrective action within 10 days, along with providing evidence that the finding is promptly closed.





In FY23, in the category of freely chosen employment, no forced labor was found in the electronics supply chain, the supplier category at highest risk for forced labor. We identified certain findings of risk indicators against Microsoft policies, including:

Finding category	Number	Resolution (closure action plans in place for those marked "in-progress")
Training bond	1	1 closed
Unreasonable restriction on employment termination	2	2 closed
Prohibited recruitment fees	10	9 closed, 1 in-progress pending Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) industry assessment
Educational loan with required bond period and repayment	1	1 closed
No policy or procedure that prohibits forced labor and human trafficking or no plan to monitor the risks	5	2 closed, 3 in-progress

Retention of worker identity documents	1	1 in-progress pending RBA industry assessment
Restriction of exiting the site during non-working hours	2	2 closed
Restriction of access to basic liberties	1	1 closed

In cases where our assessment findings determined that a factory employee paid recruitment or employment fees, we require those suppliers to immediately repay employees, based on local law and Microsoft requirements. In FY23, Devices suppliers repaid \$44,479 in recruitment fees to 2,147 supplier employees.

#### **Extended supply chain**

Within our raw materials extraction and processing extended supply chains, if any non-conforming smelters or refiners are identified, or those not participating in the RMAP process, we work with our suppliers and industry peers to bring the facility into conformance with RMAP. In cases where the smelters are not willing or able to become conformant, we work with suppliers to remove the facility from our supply chain.

## **Effectiveness measures**

Microsoft continually evaluates risks throughout its operations, adopts policies, practices, and procedures to address such risks, and then evaluates the effectiveness of those measures through the normal course of its business. Effectiveness is checked against performance indicators and other metrics established by the business units responsible for safeguarding against these risks. As we extend and expand our employee human rights and OHS programs, we will continue to integrate effectiveness checks into our systems towards the goal of continuous improvement.

Our Supply Chain Teams are expected to review the effectiveness of their risk mitigation processes at least yearly and make any necessary changes to continuously improve. We are building cross-company strategies to assess effectiveness and the maturity of Microsoft's supply chain programs. For example, SCI developed scorecards to identify progress in supply chain due diligence maturity and coordinates to share best practices across all Supply Chain Teams. Additionally, we track the internal training of employees focusing on supply chain due diligence and the complaints received through our grievance mechanisms.

#### Grievance mechanisms

We regularly assess our supply chains to identify potential issues. We have also built systems that enable Microsoft employees, partners, supplier workers, and others to safely and anonymously raise concerns.



#### **Corporate Integrity Hotline**

Microsoft has operated a corporate integrity hotline to receive concerns about potential misconduct, including grievances, for over 20 years. The hotline is available to all employees and external parties, including those workers and worker representatives in our supply chains, to report concerns about potential violations of law, Microsoft codes of conduct, and Microsoft policies. The hotline is publicly available online at <a href="https://www.microsoftintegrity.com">www.microsoftintegrity.com</a> and in the interest of increasing accessibility, includes information about how to report a compliance concern in multiple languages.

Microsoft's Compliance & Ethics ("C&E") team oversees the processing of reports received through this hotline. Depending on the nature of the report, C&E triages and processes them in one of four ways:

- Reports concerning potential violations of law or Microsoft policies are referred to C&E's Business and Regulatory Investigations team.
- Requests for guidance on compliance with policies or law are referred to relevant teams within C&E.
- Reports concerning employee workplace conduct are referred to C&E's Workplace Investigations team.
- Reports concerning matters out-of-scope for C&E, such as those that relate to human resources, privacy, or other types of legal matters, are referred to other Microsoft organizations.

The hotline allows parties to raise concerns or grievances in multiple ways, including:

- Calling an international or local toll-free telephone number published on the Integrity Portal; the line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is available in several languages;
- Submitting an online report through the Integrity Portal; and

• By email, fax, or mail using details on www.microsoftintegrity.com.

Microsoft also encourages its employees and external parties to raise concerns with any member of Microsoft management, local or corporate Human Resources, Finance, or CELA. These groups are trained to relay concerns through the reporting channels, including the corporate integrity hotline.

All reports are acknowledged and addressed through a Microsoft internal process. This process contains several safeguards to protect reporter confidentiality, including anonymous reporting, limiting persons engaged in grievance reporting to only those with a "need to know," and protections against information disclosure.

#### Workers' Voice Hotline

In addition to the corporate hotline described above, Devices operates its own grievance mechanism to enhance the reach of our grievance mechanisms to workers at our manufacturing facilities. This provides an additional mechanism to get insights on supplier performance in the electronics supply chain.

Devices maintains a Workers' Voice Hotline and a complaints resolution protocol that is anchored to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the <u>Worker Engagement Supported by Technology</u> (WEST) <u>Principles</u>, and the <u>RBA Code of Conduct</u>. All grievances coming through the corporate hotline that concern the Devices supply chain are addressed through this procedure.

The Workers' Voice Hotline rules of procedure are communicated to suppliers through training, posters displayed on the work floors, and information cards distributed to workers in a language workers can understand.

Supplier workers can make hotline complaints anonymously. Third-party operators are trained to ensure confidentiality by protecting reporters' identity and any information that could reveal their identity. The third-party organization follows-up on reports to verify the case was resolved, ask about workers' satisfaction with the results, and check whether any retaliation has occurred because of the complaint. In addition, a worker survey is conducted annually to understand reporters' feedback on the effectiveness of the program. Microsoft program managers monitor the case handling process to confirm these principles are followed.

In FY23, 100% of Microsoft-assessed factories in China and all our Tier 1 factories in non-China areas had access to the Workers' Voice Hotline, covering 188 hardware final assembly and strategic component manufacturing supplier factories.

#### **LinkedIn Helpline**

Additionally, LinkedIn operates an anonymous Helpline as a separate grievance mechanism for its business. Employees, suppliers and the public can submit a complaint at any time. Employees can also make a report through managers, HR Business Partners, the Global Compliance and Integrity inbox and/or the Employee Relations inbox. LinkedIn's Speak Up policy and other relevant policies are publicly available on its Customer Portal and its Supplier Portal.

Managers are expected to encourage employees to raise concerns, act impartially, respond respectfully to concerns, take reports seriously, and make every effort to maintain the confidentiality of the person

reporting to ensure that no one is subject to retaliation or reprisal. LinkedIn provides mandatory training to managers to reinforce these norms.

## Internal and external training

Microsoft expects all directly contracted suppliers to complete the SCoC training and confirm their understanding of supplier expectations. In addition, Supply Chain Teams conduct supplemental training of suppliers. In Devices, the Social and Environmental Accountability (SEA) Academy Program educates suppliers and Microsoft employees to prevent modern slavery and other impacts, and to continuously improve working conditions.

In addition, we provide internal trainings to all Microsoft staff who manage supply chain risks. In FY23, the SCI team rolled out training on due diligence expectations and practical ways to implement them. Supply Chain Teams also regularly train and collaborate with other Microsoft teams within Microsoft, including sourcing and procurement, trade, legal, and others.

#### Supply chain integrity in action: Training suppliers

In FY23, we updated our Supplier Code of Conduct training, which covers human rights, health and safety, and environmental compliance. The online course reaches at least 100,000 supplier employees every year. We are now working to increase its reach even further: we plan to expand this mandatory training to GitHub and LinkedIn suppliers in 2024.

## Microsoft external engagements

Modern slavery in its various forms is a global, systemic issue. No one organization or solution alone can address these problems' complex roots and far-reaching effects. Worldwide, networks of organizations combating modern slavery are making progress. A combination of technology, targeted funding, employee volunteerism, and internationally coordinated efforts are making a difference in individual lives, communities, and society at large.

Our work fits into this vital effort. We engage with several multi-stakeholder initiatives to prevent modern slavery and strive to empower other organizations and individuals to lend a hand in this fight. These efforts include:

- Tech Against Trafficking (TAT): Microsoft is a founding member of TAT, a coalition of technology companies working with civil society organizations to help combat human trafficking and increase survivors' access to resources. Through the TAT accelerator program, Microsoft partnered with a range of organizations to create advanced research technologies supporting evidence-based decision making and policy. These include new approaches to safely share case data (with UN International Organization for Migration and the Counter-Trafficking Data Collaborative, 2019), detect hidden patterns in time-varying data streams (with Unseen United Kingdom and Seattle Against Slavery, 2021), and use generative Al to detect and report on data insights (with Issara Institute and Polaris, 2023). We have also participated in TAT's steering committee, provided technology expertise to anti-trafficking NGOs, developed an interactive map of anti-trafficking technology tools, and supported policy engagement with government audiences, including testifying at two United States (US) congressional hearings.
- Project Trafficking Interruption Resource Agent (TIRA): Project TIRA offers advocates and survivors of human trafficking an accurate and real-time view of the available resources that can meet their unique needs. TIRA leverages Microsoft's Azure Bot Services with text-based mobile interaction so survivors and allies can easily connect to available services. TIRA also leverages Azure Defender for Cloud to keep sensitive data secure a significant concern for this vulnerable population. TIRA provides an easy-to-navigate search function to allow advocates to quickly find services for their clients. To date, TIRA has onboarded 110 service provider organizations and 133 service offerings, including services to find shelter, mental health services, childcare services, and job training.
- **Street Grace:** Microsoft supports Street Grace and its initiative <u>Transaction Intercept</u>, a platform working to disrupt the trafficking of minors. The software-as-a-service (SAAS) platform enables law enforcement, nonprofits, research groups, and universities to leverage Al-powered chatbots at scale to identify potential buyers, confirm intent to purchase a minor, and communicate back the risks and consequences of the potential buyer's actions. Microsoft's support comes through employee skill-based volunteering and grants to use Azure Cognitive Services, CosmosDB, Web Apps, and Azure Functions.
- Missing Children Society of Canada (MCSC): MCSC, Microsoft, and ESRI are leveraging technology
  to aid police and families in active searches for missing children across the country. These children are
  in danger of exposure to high-risk activities including human trafficking and forced labor. The public
  can use the MCSC web app to access information about missing children in Canada, sign up for SMS

text alerts about new cases in their area, and offer tips about existing cases – all to help find missing children faster.

- Thorn: Thorn and Microsoft have been working together for several years to fight child exploitation and human trafficking. In addition to sharing PhotoDNA technology with Thorn, Microsoft has provided technology and volunteers in support of a project originally called "Child Finder Service". This project emerged from Microsoft hackathons in 2015 and 2016 and culminated in the donation of Microsoft technology underlying Thorn's Spotlight product.
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC): NCMEC is the US clearinghouse and comprehensive reporting center for the prevention of, and recovery from, child victimization, including abduction, abuse, and exploitation. The public and electronic service providers can use NCMEC's CyberTipline to report online enticement of children for sexual acts and child exploitation material. Microsoft has donated the Azure service PhotoDNA to the NCMEC and to qualified organizations, including technology companies, developers, and nonprofit organizations, for the purpose of combatting child exploitation. We have also provided PhotoDNA for free to law enforcement, primarily to forensic tool developers.

In addition, we are actively involved in the following organizations to develop due diligence standards and increase transparency around human rights and environmental impacts:

- Responsible Business Alliance (RBA): We actively engage with RBA to understand and influence best practices in responsible sourcing across the manufacturing industry.
- Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI): Microsoft supports RMI in its work to improve standards and transparency across global minerals supply chains.
- Global Battery Alliance (GBA): We support this public-private platform of organizations, founded to help establish a sustainable battery value chain and to leverage technology to increase the traceability of battery materials throughout the supply chain.
- <u>Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA)</u>: We work with IRMA to develop standards for socially and environmentally responsible industrial mining and promote responsible mining practices in CAHRAs.
- <u>Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA):</u> We work with PPA, a multi-sector initiative, to support projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the surrounding Great Lakes Region of Central Africa (GLR), to improve due diligence and governance systems.

Microsoft employees engage in skills-based volunteering for initiatives fighting modern slavery and human trafficking. Additionally, we donate technology and expertise to help nonprofits and other organizations create new, innovative solutions to scale impact and help individuals. The global community must tackle this entrenched challenge together, and Microsoft and its employees are committed to acting and making progress to increase transparency and protect fundamental rights.

## The path forward and ongoing commitments

We recognize our responsibility to respect human rights. We remain committed to supply chain integrity in our corporate and subsidiary operations, and in our global supply chains. Going forward, we commit to the following actions:

- We will continue to improve and enhance existing governance, risk assessment, and due diligence activities, policies, programs, trainings, and tools across the company to mitigate and prevent the risk of human rights and environmental impacts in our operations and our supply chains.
- We will build Microsoft's supplier engagement and compliance on topics related to human rights and environmental issues through supplier forums, webinars, trainings, and resources for internal and external stakeholders.
- We will deepen our engagement with relevant industry groups and external stakeholders to define and improve industry best practices and build supplier awareness of appropriate remediation actions.
- We will promote collaboration, information sharing, and benchmarking across Microsoft so that human rights risks are assessed in a consistent manner and to mitigate associated risks in our operations and business supply chains.
- We will contribute to technical and philanthropic efforts and develop and use technology to address the root causes of human rights and environmental issues.
- We will evolve our corporate policies and procedures to reflect changes in international human rights law, including a declaration by the United Nations Human Rights Council that access to a clear and healthy environment is a basic human right.

We recognize that, given the diversity and complexity of local conditions and laws worldwide and the number of stakeholders involved in modern supply chains, we can always benefit from additional input and perspectives, and invite all readers of this Statement to engage with us to help improve our implementation and performance. For more information on our efforts, please visit <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/csr">www.microsoft.com/csr</a>.

## **Annex 1: Our Reporting Entities**

Law	Covered subsidiary		
United Kingdom (UK) Modern Slavery Act	Microsoft Limited (Ltd)		
	Microsoft Research Ltd		
	MSFT MCIO Ltd		
	Metaswitch Networks Ltd		
	LinkedIn Technology UK Ltd		
	GitHub Software UK Ltd		
	ZeniMax Europe Limited		
Australian Modern Slavery Act	Microsoft Pty Ltd		
	Microsoft Australia Holdings Pty Ltd		
	Microsoft Datacenter (Australia) Pty Ltd		
	LinkedIn Singapore Pte Ltd (Australia Branch office)		
Canada Fighting Against Forced Labor and	Microsoft Corporation (US)		
Child Labor in Supply Chains Act	Microsoft Retail Store Canada Inc		
	Microsoft Canada Inc		
	3288212 Nova Scotia Ltd		
	Microsoft Canada Development Center Co.		
Norwegian Transparency Act	Microsoft Norge AS		
	Microsoft Datacenter Norway AS		
	Microsoft Development Center Norway AS		

Microsoft is submitting this Statement on behalf of these Microsoft subsidiaries because they use the same Microsoft corporate policies and processes and employ the supply chains described in the Corporate and Procurement Structure section above.

# Annex 2: Mapping of sections to laws

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Fundamental rights policies	8	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>
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Embedding fundamental rights strategy and risk assessments	13	~	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>
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