Madame chairperson:

FIAN International would like to draw your attention to the second Statement of the Treaty Alliance, which has more than 900 signatures from civil society. I will refer to parts of the second statement of the Treaty Alliance, speaking in the name of FIAN International:

With regard to the procedures to be followed by the Intergovernmental Working Group, it is important from the outset that the ground rules ensure full transparency and enable a participative process towards the elaboration of this legally binding instrument.

The process of elaboration of the prospective treaty should address the needs and realities of people and communities whose human rights have been infringed, or are being threatened, by corporate conduct. Special attention should be given to the participation of representatives from communities and organizations of people affected by transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

We call on all States to actively participate in good-faith and constructively in the development of this treaty. States and the IGWG should safeguard their integrity from undue influence by actors from or related to the private sector whose primary interest in the process falls outside the objective of promotion and protection of human rights.

FIAN International expresses great concern about the disruptive tactics of the EU in the yesterday session. Now that the EU has decided to participate in the process we request that this happens in good faith.

I will give the floor to my colleague Juan Carlos Morales, who will talk about the principles that shall be included in the treaty.

Thank you.