Statement by Indonesian Delegation

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Madam Chairperson,

First of all, my delegation congratulates you, Madam Ambassador, for the election as the Chairperson on this OEWG. We trust your wise and able leadership in guiding our deliberation of the OEWG.

What we begin here today is a historic moment. We are embarking to a new phase of our common endeavour with regard to global human rights’ promotion and protection. In particular, we become more aware that human rights’ promotion and protection also belongs to transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

In the national level, my government continues to build and raise awareness of the need of business to respect, promote and protect all human rights in line with our national development agenda.

Madam Chairperson,

Looking back the previous efforts on this issue, we understand how sensitive and hard to progress. If anything, our past should teach us something that it should not be repeated. Therefore, we underline the importance to take an incremental, inclusive and comprehensive approach, in line with the founding resolution of the OEWG, the Human Rights Council Resolution 26/9. We encourage all relevant parties and stakeholders to create and build a positive and conducive atmosphere to move together, to own the process, the issues and the outcome.
It is also important that considerations and approaches other than human rights’ should also be taken into consideration. They are, for example, international political economy, development, and environment. In this regard, we welcome that, during this session, panellists that will provide us food for thought are coming from various backgrounds.

Madam Chairperson,

Resolution 26/9 stipulates that this session and the next session of the OEWG are dedicated to conducting constructive deliberations on the content, scope, nature and form of the future international instrument.

In this regard, we hope that all parties, in particular governments, will use this opportunity to participate and contribute constructively; as for our delegation, we will endeavour the utmost to do so.

I thank you.