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First Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group in charge of elaborating a legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises, with respect to human rights (Resolution A/HRC/26/9)

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Monday, 06 July 2015

Item 1. Opening of the Session (10h00-13h00)

Video Message from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein.

United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Flavia Pansieri

Item 2. Election of the Chairperson-Rapporteur

Statement of the elected Chair

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Item 4. Plenary discussions in accordance with the programme of work

Welcoming remarks by keynote speaker:

UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Ms. Victoria Tauli Corpuz,

Item 4. (15h00-18h00)

Panel I

Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: A Renewed Commitment by All States

Panellist:

Mr. Michael Addo, Member, United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Panel II

Principles for an International Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations (TNCs) and other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights.

Panellists:

Mr. Chip Pitts, Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School, Stanford University

Ms. Bonita Meyersfeld, Director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and Associate Professor of law at the School of Law, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Mr. Robert McCorquodale, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, University of Nottingham

Tuesday, 07 July 2015

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Panel III (10h00-13h00)

Scope

Coverage of the Instrument: TNCs and other Business Enterprises: concepts and legal nature in International Law

Panellists:

Ms. Stephanie Blankenburg, Head of Debt, Development and Finance, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Mr. Michael Congiu, Littler Mendelson PLC

Mr. Chip Pitts, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, Stanford University

Mr. Carlos M. Correa, Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property, South Centre

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Panel IV (15h00-18h00)

Scope

Human rights to be covered under the Instrument with respect to activities of TNCs and other business enterprises

Panellists:

Mr. Hatem Kotrane, Member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child)

Ms. Bonita Meyersfeld, Director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and Associate Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Ms. Isabel Ortiz, Director of the Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization

Mr. Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Wednesday, 08 July 2015

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Panel V (10h00-13h00)

Content

Obligations of States to guarantee the respect of human rights by TNCs and other business enterprises, including extraterritorial obligations

Panellists:

Mr. Hatem Kotrane, Member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Ms. Kinda Mohamedieh, Associate Researcher, Trade for Development Programme, South Centre

Mr. Marcos Orellana, American University Washington College of Law

Mr. Richard Meeran, Partner, Leigh Day & Co.

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Panel VI (15h00-18h00)

Content

Enhancing the responsibility of TNCs and other business enterprises to respect human rights, including prevention, mitigation and remediation

Panellists:

Mr. Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Mr. Tom Mackall, Group Vice President, Global Labor Relations, Sodex

Ms. Bonita Meyersfeld, Director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and Associate Professor of law at the School of Law, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Ms. Karen Curtis, Chief of Freedom of Association Branch, International Labour Organization

Thursday, 09 July 2015

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Panel VII (10h00-13h00)

Content

Legal liability of TNCs and other business enterprises: What standard for corporate legal liability and for what conduct?

Panellists:

Mr. Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Mr. Roberto Suarez, Deputy Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers

Ms. Sanya Reid Smith, Legal advisor and senior researcher at Third World Network

Mr. Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Adviser, Business and Human Rights,
International Commission of Jurists

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Panel VIII (15h00-18h00)

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Building National and international mechanisms for access to remedy, including international judicial cooperation, with respect to human rights violations by TNCs and other business enterprises.

- The OHCHR accountability and remedy project -

Panellists:

Ms. Lene Wendland, Adviser, Business and Human Rights, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Mr. Chip Pitts, Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School, Stanford University

Ms. Nabila Tbeur, Special Advisor to the President, Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme du Maroc (speaking on behalf of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Working Group on Business and Human Rights)

Mr. Carlos Correa, Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property, South Centre

Mr. Richard Meeran, Partner, Leigh Day & Co.