



Note 4-7-180/2018

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group (OEIGWG) in charge of the elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to Human Rights, presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to refer to the process of Resolution 26/9.

As requested by some States and other relevant stakeholders, the Chairmanship of the OEIGWG has prepared a non-exhaustive list of documents consulted during the preparation of the Zero Draft of the “Legally binding instrument to regulate, in international Human Rights Law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises”, circulated on July 20th, 2018.

The enclosed list categorizes the reference documents that have been consulted according to the sections and elements of the proposed draft treaty. Some of the references have been used multiple times under several sections and elements.

It is important to highlight that besides considering the reference documents, the Chairmanship team has carefully analysed the information provided by States and other stakeholders in the framework of the three first sessions of the OEIGWG. Likewise, written contributions sent even by those who does not have ECOSOC status, and therefore cannot participate during the sessions, were also taken into consideration.

Moreover, insights shared during bilateral and multilateral meetings in Geneva and other regions were also taken into account.

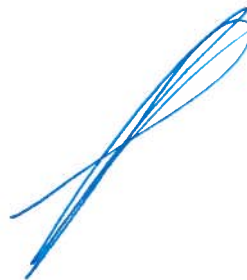
Furthermore, four open-informal consultations have been undertaken between April and July 2018 in a comprehensive, transparent and inclusive manner and have enjoyed the wide participation of a significant number of States and other relevant stakeholders, both on process and on substance.

In addition, the Chairmanship took into account OP 6 of Resolution 26/9, which affirms the importance of providing the OEIGWG with independent expertise and experts advise in order to fulfil its mandate. Therefore, and taking into account the gender and geographical criteria, several experts with different profiles that have participated during the previous sessions of the OEIGWG were invited to submit suggestions on the core substantive provisions that should be reflected in the draft of the binding instrument.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group (OEIGWG) in charge of the

elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to Human Rights, kindly request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to circulate this NV, together with the non-exhaustive list of documents consulted for the preparation of the Zero Draft of the “Legally binding instrument to regulate, in international Human Rights Law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises”, circulated on July 20th, 2018, to States and other relevant stakeholders and publish it on the official link of the OEIGWG, part of the webpage of the UN Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 24 August 2018

To all the honorable
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva.-