



Question by Jens Peter Prothmann, delegate of Namibia, First session, OEIGWG on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, Panel VIII, 9 July 2015

Thank you for the floor, Madam Chair,

Namibia also thanks the panelists for their valuable presentations.

With regard to the presentation on the OHCHR Accountability and Remedy Project (ARP) the conclusions from the initial study were particularly interesting.

With your permission, Madam Chair, I shall repeat two of the conclusions and quote them individually after each other and then pose a question to the panelists.

“Variations between national jurisdictions may exacerbate inequalities and create legal uncertainty for companies and affected persons.”

““The present system of domestic law remedies is **patchy, unpredictable, often ineffective and fragile.**””

Considering this, my question to the panel collectively is: is this not clear evidence, albeit from a different angle, that an international legally binding instrument ought to cover all businesses, that is domestic businesses, domestic businesses with foreign operations as well as TNCs?

Thank you, Madam Chair.