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**Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights: Invitation to a series of open consultations on the implementation of resolution 26/9**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observers Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations and has the honour to inform of the following:

- At the final meeting of its third session, the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIGWG) requested the Chair-Rapporteur to undertake informal consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders on the way forward on the elaboration of a legally binding instrument pursuant to the mandate of resolution 26/9.
- In that regard, all States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to participate in a series of open informal consultations on the implementation of the above-referred mandate, in accordance with the following details:
  - First open informal consultation: Thursday, 17 May 2018, 09:00-10:30, *Palais des Nations*, (Room XVI);
  - Second open informal consultation: Friday, 25 May 2018, 10:00-12:00, *Palais des Nations*, (Room XXVI);
  - Third open informal consultation: Tuesday, 05 June 2018, 10:00-12:00, *Palais des Nations*, (Room IX);
  - Fourth open informal consultation: Wednesday, 11 July 2018, 10:00-12:00, *Palais des Nations*, (Room XII);
- This series of consultations will be a complement to ongoing bilateral consultations and other related activities undertaken by the Chairmanship of the Working Group in preparation of the Working Group's fourth session to be held from 15 to 19 October 2018, as a follow up to the implementation of the mandate of resolution 26/9, taking into consideration the discussions held at the previous sessions of the OEIGWG.
- The participation of other relevant stakeholders in the consultations mentioned above will follow the procedure of the previous sessions of the OEIGWG, without prejudice to any additional information to be posted on the website of the Working Group.
- Additionally, the Chairmanship takes this opportunity to express its gratitude for all the comments and proposals on the draft elements document received by February 2018, in response to the invitation for submissions, and recalls that those submissions together with the elements document and the report of the third session of the OEIGWG presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC can be found at the website of the OEIGWG at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/WGTransCorp/Session3/Pages/Session3.aspx>.
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