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and other business enterprises with respect to human rights

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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

We want to stress the importance of following up and building on the work done thus far. We are concerned, however, from questions raised regarding the temporal scope of the working group. This could undermine the momentum that has developed from the important discourse that has transpired over the last few days.

We would like to pose a question that may alleviate these concerns.

If the financing of the working group is put into question, would it be possible for alternative sources of financing to be used? While we don't expect one big corporation like Microsoft to fill this void; is it possible for 100 NGOs to contribute \$5,000 dollars each, or 100,000 people to contribute \$5 dollars each?

I will end here in order to allow time for a response.

Thank you.