



Third session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights

Subject 10: General Provisions

Thank you Mr Chairperson-Rapporteur,

Our brief comments here are not focused on the “general provisions” *per se*.

Instead, we would like to thank you for giving the international business community the opportunity to participate in this third session of the Intergovernmental Working Group and to respond publicly to the “elements” paper. We refer you and other participants, again, to our fuller statement prepared in advance of the third session and to the different interventions we have made during this week. All of these should be available on the IGWG's website.

We would also like to request more clarity on the next steps – in particular, the process and substance of a possible legally binding instrument. UN Resolution 26/9 only includes explicit information on the first three years of the IGWG's mandate.

Furthermore, we request more meaningful and timely engagement with you, Chairperson-Rapporteur, and your team at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ecuador after this third session and before the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group in 2018.

Finally, we reiterate our request that our various interventions are clearly reflected in the report of the third session.

We thank you.