

STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
3rd Open Ended Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Other
Business Enterprise with Respect to Human Rights

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GENERAL STATEMENT

Mr. Chairperson,

First of all, my delegation wishes to congratulate you for being elected as the Chairperson for the third Session of the Open-Ended Working Group. We trust your able leadership in guiding the deliberation of the Working Group.

We also thank the Permanent Mission of Ecuador for preparing a draft proposal of elements of a legally binding instrument on TNCs and Other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights. The draft proposal has covered many pertinent issues that could be useful in providing common platform for further discussion in this session.

We would like to reiterate our firm belief that in dealing with our deliberation, it is important to take an incremental, inclusive and comprehensive approach in line with the Human Rights Council Resolution 26/9. We also underline the need to engage all relevant stakeholders, including business sector and civil society in this process.

Mr. Chairperson,

Whilst economic benefits from TNC activities are unquestionable, we should also ensure that their activities are not jeopardizing the rights of our community. **Being a developing country, Indonesia needs to strike the balance between different priorities including development strategy, investment, human rights, environment, and poverty eradications.**

This requires careful approach and in depth observations that involve relevant stakeholders inclusively.

Finally, Mr. Chairperson, with regard to the elements of the draft legally binding instrument, we would like to underline that many elements in the draft proposal are in line with the Government's policies and have been implemented in Indonesia. However, there are some elements that need more clarification and further discussion.

Rest assured that our delegation will participate and contribute constructively to this Session of Working Group.

I thank you.