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Open-ended intergovernmental working group for the elaboration of an International Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights, Resolution A/HRC/26/9

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Thank you Chair!

My name is Julia Pires and I am speaking on behalf of DKA Austria, Child Rights Connect, ECPAT International, Geneva Infant Feeding Association, NGO Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Human Rights Clinics of Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná and Federal University of Minas Gerais.

We have the following wording proposals:

- **Article 16**

This Article could be collapsed into Article 13

In 16.3 We propose to add after the term sexual violence at the end the following: **the use of child soldiers, child labour and the general impact such activities and relationships may have on the human rights of all persons living in these areas, including children.**

In 16.4: We propose amend as follows: In implementing this LBI, State Parties shall **give** special attention to those facing heightened risks of violations of human rights within the context of business activities, such as women, children, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, **transboundary citizens**, migrants, refugees, **stateless persons** and internal displaced persons, **and undertake measures necessary for their protection.**

- **In Article 17**

We propose to add a new Article 17 bis covering: Dissemination of and information on the LBI

Each State party undertakes to make widely known and to disseminate actively the present LBI and to facilitate access to information about the views and recommendations of the Committee, in particular with regard to matters involving the State party, to all local and national stakeholders, including parliament, executive agencies and ministries, the judiciary, business enterprises operating nationally or transnationally and civil society, by translating it into relevant languages and making accessible formats to adults and children alike, including those with disabilities.

- **In Article 22**

We propose that no reservations to the present Protocol shall be permitted.

Finally, we call for A new Article on a communications mechanism, including an individual and collective complaints procedure and an inquiry procedure.

Thank you chair!