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**Subject: Consultation in relation to the work of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (HRC resolution 26/9)**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and, on behalf of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) with the mandate to elaborate an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises, has the honour to invite all delegations to a consultation to be held on Friday 12 April 2024, in Room XXV of the Palais des Nations, from 10.00 to 12:00. The Indico link to register to the consultation is: <https://indico.un.org/event/1010767/>

As announced by the Chair-Rapporteur during the 55<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council -see the attached statement-, the purpose of this first consultation is to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed draft roadmap enclosed herewith, in order to comply with the recommendations and conclusions of the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group, until the holding of the 10<sup>th</sup> session (21 to 25 October 2024).

Following previous practice, participation in this consultation is open to all relevant stakeholders, including UN Member and Observer States, specialized agencies and other international organizations, national human rights institutions with "A status" accreditation, and non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status.

The consultation will take place in person only, taking into account that, according to information communicated to all Member States, in the continuing absence of a General Assembly mandate and legislative framework, the United Nations Office at Geneva has ceased servicing hybrid or virtual meetings as of 22 January 2024.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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