

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Open-ended intergovernmental working group to elaborate an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Resolution A/HRC/26/9**

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XX**

**Tenth Session, 21 to 25 October 2024**

|                    | <b>Monday<br/>21 October</b>   | <b>Tuesday<br/>22 October</b>  | <b>Wednesday<br/>23 October</b>   | <b>Thursday<br/>24 October</b>  | <b>Friday<br/>25 October</b>   |
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| <b>10h00-13h00</b> | <p><b>Item 1.</b> Opening of the session</p> <p><b>Item 2.</b> Election of the Chair-Rapporteur</p> <p><b>Item 3.</b> Adoption of the agenda and programme of work</p> <p><b>Item 4.</b> Plenary negotiations in accordance with the programme of work *</p> <p>Introductory remarks by the Chair-Rapporteur</p> <p>General statements</p> | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 6 and 7</p> | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 10 and 11</p>  | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 12 to 14</p> | <p>(CLOSED MEETING)</p> <p>Informal consultation on the recommendations of the Chair-Rapporteur and conclusions of the Working Group</p> |
| <b>15h00-18h00</b> | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>General statements (cont'd)</p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 4 and 5</p>  | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 8 and 9</p> | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Introduction by the Chair-Rapporteur of a three-year roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, followed by comments and proposals by delegations</p> | <p><b>Item 4. (cont'd)</b></p> <p>Continuation of the State-led negotiations: articles 15 to 24</p> | <p><b>Item 5.</b></p> <p>Adoption of the report (<i>ad referendum</i>)</p>   |

**\* Methodological core elements of the programme of work of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the IGWG:**

These points reflect previous practice of the IGWG and other working groups of the HRC, as well as some of the views shared by the Chair-Rapporteur of the IGWG and comments or proposals from States and other relevant stakeholders during intersessional consultations, including for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116.

Methodological core elements regarding the following sub-items, under Item 4 “Plenary negotiations in accordance with the programme of work”:

- “General statements”
  - Speaking time: maximum of 4 minutes for joint statements of group of States, 3 minutes for individual statements of States, and a maximum of 2.5 minutes for joint statements of groups of other relevant stakeholders, and 1.5 minutes for individual relevant stakeholders.
  - A speaker’s list will be open to register for this segment until Friday, 18 October, at 13h00.
  
- “Continuation of the State-led negotiations:” (articles 4 to 24)
  - The purpose of this segment of Item 4, will be to continue -and hopefully finish- the reading of the updated draft LBI, during the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the IGWG, without prejudging the existing divergences regarding different provisions of the text, and without prejudice to the discussion of clusters of articles of the draft LBI, as part of the intersessional consultations to be held in accordance with [HRC Decision 56/116](#), with the assistance of the selected legal experts.
  - Speaking time: State delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions, focusing on the most essential elements of each provision, bearing in mind the possibility of extended exchanges during the intersessional consultations that will be convened pursuant to [HRC Decision 56/116](#). Delegations from other relevant stakeholders, should limit their interventions to a maximum of 2 minutes for each group of articles to be discussed under each morning or afternoon slot.
  - The Working Group will continue its reading of the text of the legally binding instrument, in the same manner as it was considered during the 9<sup>th</sup> session. That means that work will continue on the “[Updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the ninth session](#)” (document A/HRC55/59/Add.1). Delegations will be invited to make comments and textual proposals which will be captured in real time on the projected screen in Room XX. Upon request, the “[Updated draft legally binding instrument \(version in track changes\)](#)” can be displayed as a reference document.
  - Written comments and textual suggestions delivered during the 10<sup>th</sup> session or received by the Secretariat by 8 November, will be reflected in an annex to the report of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the IGWG to be presented during the following session of the HRC.
  
- “Introduction by the Chair-Rapporteur of a three-year roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, followed by comments and proposals by delegations”
  - The purpose of this slot, scheduled tentatively for the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 October, will be to discuss a proposal by the Chair-Rapporteur of a three-year roadmap, including for the discussion of clusters of articles of the draft LBI, as part of the intersessional consultations, to be held in accordance with HRC Decision 56/116, with the assistance of the selected legal experts.
  - Such a proposal will be circulated by the Chair-Rapporteur during the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the IGWG, at least one day prior to its discussion.
  
- “Informal consultation on the recommendations of the Chair-Rapporteur and conclusions of the Working Group”
  - According to the practice of previous sessions of the IGWG, the morning of Friday, 25 October will be dedicated to informal closed consultations on the draft recommendations of the Chair-Rapporteur and conclusions of the Working Group, with a view to reach a consensus for their formal adoption in the final slot of the afternoon of that day, under Item 5.