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General Statement Re:

The 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the OEIGWG on TNCs  
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The Sikh Human Rights Group wholeheartedly welcomes and supports the formulation and enactment of a binding legal instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

However, we are concerned with the persistent issues of accountability and remedies. The details to which we will provide as these weeklong discussions progress.

Nevertheless, we were encouraged by the discussions held during the United Nations Human Rights Councils 48<sup>th</sup> Regular Session. In other words, we were encouraged by the fact that the **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises** had received but more importantly taken substantive action on over 150 reports of transnational corporations and other business enterprises committing gross human rights violations across the globe.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express the desire of a myriad of relevant civil society organisations and large and small businesses, with whom we have personally consulted, that the Committee to be established under this Legally Binding Instrument will follow suit.

We further suggest that the committee consider taking two expert representatives from NGOs to strengthen transparency, impartiality and ensure civil society participation in the oversight process.

Thank you very much. That concludes my opening remarks...