

Thank you chair, my name is Ute Mayrhofer. I am speaking on behalf of a group of civil society and children's rights organizations.

We would like to make the following amendment to Preamble 6 by including the following: Upholding the right of every person, **including children**, to have equal access to effective remedy and reparation.

At Preamble 12 including: Emphasizing that civil society actors, including human rights defenders have an important and legitimate role in promoting the respect of human rights by business enterprises, and in preventing, mitigating and seeking effective remedy for business-related human rights abuses; **for the adverse human rights impacts of business enterprises, and that a safe and empowering context should be provided to them, including for children and young people;**

Preamble 13 to include: Recognizing the distinctive and disproportionate impact of business-related human rights abuses on women and girls, children, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, people of African descent, older persons, migrants and refugees, **transboundary citizen**, and other persons in vulnerable situation, as well as the need for a business and human rights perspective that takes into account specific circumstances and vulnerabilities of different rightsholders, **including potential intersectional vulnerabilities;** and the structural obstacles for obtaining remedies for these persons

Preamble 13 to add: **Recognizing in particular that the best interests of the child should be a primary consideration in all decisions affecting children and that appropriate child-sensitive procedures to pursue remedies for violations and abuses of their rights should be available to them at all levels, in judicial and non-judicial processes alike.**

Thank you chair for taking our proposal into consideration.