

Intervention: ESCR-Net

**Article 6**

**Thank you Mr Chairperson,**

This statement is on behalf of over 280 ESCR-Net members.

In the spirit of Article 6 on prevention, we wish to highlight that at the core of preventing human rights abuses and violations related to business activity is ensuring that corporations are not making decisions through government and multilateral platforms, including the UN, that affect our basic rights in the interest of profit-making. We elect governments, not corporate actors. We advocate for democracies, not corporatocracies.

States who are echoing corporate language, such as the US, must consider that their duty is public service, it is to serve our rights and our interests as people and to protect the planet - and not the interest of profit making for the 1 percent.

As such we recommend that Article 6 maintain strong language to stop corporate capture in an effort to prevent abuses and violations in the context of business activity. We support proposals by the State of Palestine in this regard.

Thank you.