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**Seventh session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on
transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect
to human rights**

**Item 4: “Article 11 – Applicable Law (Friday AM)”
October 29, 2021**

- Thank you, Chair
- We join with the many states and delegates today objecting to Article 11.
- It is widely accepted that applicable law is that of the Forum State. In contradicting this principle, this LBI creates exposes rights holders, enterprises and States to undue risk. Jurists in one State should not be expected to interpret and apply the laws of another State. Businesses should expect to be held accountable to the laws of the State in which they are operating and where the harm occurred.