



**Comments of the NGO Centre for Health Science and Law (by Zoom)
Seventh session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on
transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights
of the United Nations Human Rights Council
October 25-29, 2021
concerning Article 21(2.)
(procedure by which amendments become binding)**

The Centre for Health Science and Law (CHSL) proposes that the Working Group:

V. Amend Article 21(2.) be amended as follows:

An amendment adopted and approved in accordance with this Article shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the number of instruments of acceptance deposited reaches two-thirds of the number of State Parties at the date of adoption of the amendment. Thereafter, the amendment shall enter into force for any State Party on the thirtieth day following the deposit of its own instrument of acceptance. ~~An amendment shall be binding only on those State Parties which have accepted it.~~ **Thereafter, an amendment shall bind State Parties that have not registered a reservation within two years of the entry into force of the amendment.**

Rationale: Adherence to a change in the approach that enjoys the support of a super-majority of the global community should not be delayed by the inattention of some State Parties, especially considering human rights abuses often involve actions in many member states.

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