**Information note for NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status on their engagement with the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIWG on TNCs and Human Rights)**

**Oral Statements and interventions**

The meeting will follow a similar format to the first session of the OEIWG.

Under item 4 of the Provisional Agenda (plenary discussion organized in different panels - please also see the detailed programme of work available on the web page), some selected panellists will make presentations under each of the panels organized.

During each panel segment and following the presentations by panellists (7 minutes), there will be a round of discussion to allow for interaction between participants and panellists (for which it is not necessary for participants to sign up to speak in advance). This will be followed by time for General comments/discussion on the panel theme/sub-theme, for which participants may prepare their oral statements in advance. The panel will then end with some closing remarks from each of the panellists. During this latter part, **the floor will be given to NGOs participants according to requests to be placed in person at the List of Speakers Desk in Room XX by the evening preceding the relevant panel segment** (starting as of Tuesday morning, 25 October, 10 a.m.).

In order to allow for the largest possible number of substantive contributions, participants will be kindly requested to limit their interventions to be as concise and succinct as possible. A time limit for each intervention may need to be imposed, at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the number of speakers for each panel.

***Please note that abusive or disrespectful language or derogatory and inflammatory remarks by any participant will not be tolerated during the session. All participants should ensure that a sense of respect and tolerance permeates the discussion.***

**Electronic version of oral statements**

You are strongly encouraged to send to the Secretariat in advance an electronic version of your oral statement (email address: igwg-tncs@ohchr.org), indicating the panel and where applicable the relevant subtheme. This would greatly assist the work of Conference Services during the session, particularly by facilitating the work of the interpreters.

The electronic version of any oral statements submitted to the Secretariat will be made available on the OEIWG webpage following the conclusion of the session.

**Webcast**

A live and archived webcast of the session will be available on <http://webtv.un.org/>

Audio recordings of the session will also be accessible afterwards from the UNOG Digital recordings online portal: <http://conf.unog.ch/digitalrecordings/>