**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Open-ended IGWG to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework

on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies

**Fifth session, 12 to 16 December 2016**

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXI**

| **Time** | **Monday,  12 December 2016** | **Tuesday,  13 December 2016** | **Wednesday,  14 December 2016** | **Thursday, 15 December 2016** | **Friday,  16 December 2016** |
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| **10 am to**  **1 pm** | **Opening** of the session  **Election** of the Chairperson-Rapporteur  **Adoption** of the agenda, timetable and programme of work  **General Statements**  **Topic 1:**  **Substantive report of the Chairperson of the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries**   * *Ms. Elzbieta Karska, Member of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination*   General discussion | **Topic 3:**  **General discussion and updates by participants on developments since the fourth session, including with regard to relevant legislation, initiatives and any other measures taken**   * *Mr. Jean-Michel Rousseau, DCAF* * *Ms. Alice McGrath-Crégut, DCAF* * *Ms. Anne-Marie Buzatu, Interim-Executive Director of ICoCA*   *Member States and participants are kindly invited to share orally and/or in writing (by email to* [*pwagle@ohchr.org*](mailto:pwagle@ohchr.org)*) any updates on relevant legislation, initiatives and other measures taken concerning* *the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies*  General discussion | **Topic 5:**  **The operation of private security companies in maritime and other contexts**   * *Mr. Kwezi Mngqibisa, African Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes* * *Ms. Anna Petrig, University of Basel*   General discussion | **Topic 6:**  **Discussion with private military and security companies**   * *Mr. Paul Gibson, Director, Security in Complex Environments Group*   General discussion | **Presentation of the summary  of the fifth session** |
| **3 pm to**  **6 pm** | **Topic 2:**  **Update from relevant organizations and processes**   * *Ms. Helen Obregón Gieseken***,** *Legal Officer,* *ICRC*   General discussion | **Topic 4:**  **Access to justice and remedies for victims of violations and abuses linked to the activities of PMSCs**  Subtheme (a): Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights – Relevance of the Accountability and Remedy Project and High Commissioner’s Report (A/HRC/32/19 and Add.1)   * *Ms. Lene Wendland, Advisor on Business and Human Rights, OHCHR* * *Mr. Surya Deva, Member of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights*   Subtheme (b): Views from civil society   * *Mr. Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists* * *Mr. Aly Marie Sagne, President, Lumiere Synergie pour le Developpement, Senegal*   General discussion | Informal consultations | Informal consultations continued |  |