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The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group established by Human Rights Council Resolution 26/9 (OEIGWG), presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, H.E. Michelle Bachelet, and has the honour to make reference to the implementation of its mandate to “elaborate an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises”.

As the Office of the High Commissioner is aware, at the final meeting of its fourth session, the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIGWG) took note with appreciation of the recommendations of the Chair-Rapporteur and looked forward to the revised draft legally binding instrument, the informal consultations, and the updated programme of work of its fifth session.

In that regard and in line with the Chair-Rapporteur’s recommendations 91.(b) as contained in the report on the 4th session of the OEIGWG (A/HRC/40/48), in June 2019, the Chairmanship held a series of three open informal consultations with Governments, regional groups, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations mechanisms, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, as one of the basis for the preparation of the revised draft legally binding instrument.

The above mentioned consultations were considered by the Chairmanship of the Working Group as a complement to the discussions held during the fourth session of the OEIGWG, together with the following inputs: -the addendum of the report of the fourth session, containing a compilation of oral statements from States; -the submissions with comments and proposals on the draft legally binding instrument, received in accordance to the Chair-Rapporteur’s recommendation 91.(a); and, -several bilateral consultations and other related activities undertaken by the Chairmanship.

Therefore, the Chairmanship of the OEIGWG takes this opportunity to express publicly its gratitude for all comments and submissions, including textual proposals, with respect to the zero draft of the legally binding instrument, received from States and other relevant stakeholders through all the different opportunities mentioned above, and has the honour to present attached herewith, a Revised draft legally binding instrument on business activities and human rights.

To H.E.
Michelle Bachelet
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva.-



In that regard, the Chairmanship of the OEIGWG kindly request the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate to all Permanent Missions and other relevant stakeholders, the Revised draft legally binding instrument on business activities and human rights, which will serve as the basis for direct substantive intergovernmental negotiations during the fifth session of the OEIGWG, to be held from 14 to 18 October 2019, in order to fulfil the mandate of the Human Rights Council resolution 26/9.

The Chairmanship will convene informal consultations with Governments, regional groups, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations mechanisms, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, before the fifth session of the OEIGWG, including on an updated programme of work, in accordance with additional information to be announced in due course through the Office of the High Commissioner and to be published in the website of the OEIGWG, accordingly.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group established by Human Rights Council Resolution 26/9 (OEIGWG), avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, H.E. Michelle Bachelet, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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