



Information note on the Third session of the open-ended working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, 23-27 October 2017, Room XX, Palais des Nations

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- The third session of the working group will take place from **23 to 27 October 2017** in **Room XX**, Palais des Nations. The session will be held pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 26/9, which decided that the Chairperson-Rapporteur “should prepare elements for the draft legally binding instrument for substantive negotiations at the commencement of the third session of the working group on the subject, taking into consideration the discussions held at its first two sessions”.
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