**Intervention by India on Article 6, 7 and 13 of the draft text made by Mr. Animesh Choudhury, First Secretary**

Thank You Mr. Chair,

At the outset, India would like to thank you for introducing Articles 6, 7 and 13 of the text. We also thank the experts for their insightful comments.

2. On Article 6, there is a reference to the phrase ‘crimes under international law’. It is pertinent that the instrument should define what constitutes a crime under international law in the domain of business and human rights.

3. On Article 7, we believe there is a need for more clarity, particularly with respect to point 2 of the article. The terms ‘involved persons’ needs to be well defined to avoid any ambiguity. Providing a ‘choice of law’ option needs adequate safeguards to disallow forum shopping. The instrument should provide guidance in relation to establishing a genuine relation between the violation and the chosen law.

4. On Article 13, we once again believe that this article requires significant revision. Clarity is required on the term ‘rights and obligations’, as whose rights and obligations are being referred to in point 3 of the article. It may be noted this article has the potential to conflict with the trade and investment obligations of states as it is infeasible to re-negotiate existing bilateral investment agreements. Once again, we believe the text should bring in balance rather than conflict with the domestic laws.

Thank You