

## Duty to prevent and mitigate human rights abuses - Prevention

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I deliver this statement on behalf of CCFD-Terre Solidaire, CIDSE.

Articles 6.1 and 6.2 define the duty of business enterprises, and in particular transnational corporations and other business enterprises, to respect, prevent and mitigate human rights abuses throughout their operations.

Yet, this duty is delineated indirectly

We recommend to revise article 6.1 as follows:

*“Business enterprises, in particular transnational corporations and other business enterprises, shall respect human rights and prevent, mitigate and repair human rights abuses throughout their operations, including through their business relationships and global value chains”*

And article 6.2 should then be adapted in consequence as follows:

*“For the purpose of Article 6.1, State parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that business enterprises, and in particular transnational corporations and other business enterprises, domiciled or operating in their territory or under their jurisdiction, respect human rights and prevent, mitigate and repair human rights violations or abuses, and undertake human rights due diligence proportionate to their size, risk of human rights impacts and the nature and context of their operations, consisting of at least the following minimum steps: ...”*