**Oral statement
Corporate Accountability International
Monday afternoon session, Preamble, art.1 and art.2**

Thank you Mr.Chair,

I speak on behalf of Corporate Accountability International and the Global Campaign.

I would like to speak on article 2 “Statement of purpose”, which is a key article indeed.

As clearly stated by Resolution 26/9, it is necessary to make the regulation of the activities of TNCs, within the framework of the provisions of the Binding Treaty, the main purpose. We propose to add a paragraph that would appear as the first purpose. This would read as follows:

*To regulate the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises of transnational character within the framework of international human rights law.*

**2.1.b:** In the paragraph on prevention, it is necessary to reiterate the importance of regulating TNC’s by establishing direct and concrete obligations and responsibilities vis a vis human rights, accompanied by necessary implementation mechanisms.

To prevent the occurrence of human rights abuses in the context of business activities

***Amendment 2.1.b:*** *To prevent the occurrence of human rights* ***violations******~~abuses~~*** *in the context of business activities* ***by establishing concrete obligations for TNCs to respect human rights ~~for TNCs~~, in addition to States’ obligations, and by creating effective and binding mechanisms of monitoring and enforceability.***

**2.1.d:** ~~At last~~ Finally, ~~with the concern of ensuring~~ to ensure better results, the word ~~expression~~ *‘‘strengthen”*, present in article 2.1.d, should be replaced by one semantically stronger like *“guarantee”*, that would represent a more forceful character for the prevention of human rights violations perpetrated by TNCs. Moreover, the objective of promoting international cooperation is important and must be done in accordance with international human rights standards.

***Amendment 2.1.d:*** *To facilitate and ~~strengthen~~* ***guarantee*** *mutual legal assistance and international cooperation,* ***carried out in accordance with international human rights standards,*** *to prevent human rights ~~abuses~~* ***violations*** *in the context of business activities and**provide access to justice and effective remedy to victims of such ~~abuses~~* ***violations.***

Thank you for your attention.