

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Open-ended intergovernmental working group (IGWG) to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework, without prejudging the nature thereof, relating to the activities of private military and security companies

Second session

26 - 30 April 2021

Geneva, Palais des Nations, hybrid meeting (Room XIX + online platform)

Time	Monday, 26 April	Tuesday, 27 April	Wednesday, 28 April	Thursday, 29 April	Friday, 30 April
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.	<p><u>Item 1:</u> Opening of the session</p> <p>Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR</p> <p><u>Item 2:</u> Election of the Chair-Rapporteur</p> <p><u>Item 3:</u> Adoption of the agenda, timetable and programme of work</p> <p><u>Item 4:</u> Plenary discussion in accordance with the agreed timetable and programme of work</p> <p>Introductory remarks by the Chair-Rapporteur</p> <p>General statements</p>	<p>General discussion on the elements for an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies without prejudging the nature thereof</p> <p>Objectives and Principles of the regulatory framework (Element 2 and 3)</p>	<p>Private military and security companies (Element 8)</p> <p>Definitions and interpretations (Element 1)</p>	<p>Discussion on the way forward</p>	
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	<p>Presentations by experts and relevant stakeholders on recent developments/updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Vasu Gounden Founder and Executive Director of the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)</i> • <i>Dr. Jelena Aparac, Chairperson of the Working Group on mercenaries</i> • <i>Mr. Jonathan Cuénoud, Co-chair of the Montreux Document Forum</i> 	<p>Obligations of Contracting States (Element 4); Territorial States (Element 5); Home States (Element 6) and State of nationality (Element 7)</p>	<p>Additional elements to be considered (preamble, scope, access to justice, accountability and remedy...)</p>	<p><u>Item 5 : Report on the session</u></p> <p>Presentation of the summary of the 2nd session and adoption of the summary report</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Jamie Williamson, Executive Director, the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association (ICoCA)</i>• <i>Surya Deva, Vice-Chairperson, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights</i>• <i>H.E. Mr. Emilio Rafael Izquierdo Miño, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights</i>• <i>Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)</i>• <i>Jean-Michel Rousseau, Deputy Head of the Business and Security Division, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance</i>				
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