

Note 4-7-201/2018

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, and has the honour to refer to the process of Resolution 26/9, which established the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (OEIGWG) with the mandate to *“elaborate an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises”*

With the aim of providing a clear guidance on the process of negotiation for the international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, the Chairmanship has prepared draft programs of work for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> sessions of the OEIGWG.

This is the result of the proposals made by States and other relevant stakeholders in the framework of bilateral and multilateral meetings and consultations on the process and substance, in the framework of the mandate of Resolution 26/9.

In the proposed programs of work the information has been arranged guided by the content of the Draft Binding Treaty to create the necessary conditions for a fluent negotiation.

Pursuant to the mandate of Resolution 26/9 the Working Group will continue with its sessions until it achieves its ultimate goal which is the elaboration of the binding treaty. As the budget for the HRC is biannual and it is decided in the framework of the Fifth Committee, last December there was given budget for the next two sessions of the Working Group taking into account the perennial nature of the Group as reflected in Resolution 26/9. Therefore, the Program of Work has been prepared just for the next two sessions.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador kindly request the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate these Draft Programs of Work to all Permanent Missions and other relevant stakeholders, by requesting for their comments and suggestions until the first week of

October 2018, in order to consider them before the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, H.E. Michelle Bachellet the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 September 2018



To the honorable  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Geneva.-