

**OEIGWG Chair-Rapporteur proposed 2025 Roadmap<sup>1</sup> for the implementation of  
HRC Decision 56/116, including the intersessional thematic consultations  
towards the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group  
(OEIGWG) on transnational corporations and other business enterprises  
with respect to human rights**

- 20 January 2025: Deadline for the submission of questions from States and non-state relevant stakeholders in relation to the articles that will be discussed during the 2025 intersessional thematic consultations<sup>2</sup>.
- 21 January 2025: Publication of the confirmed calendar of the 2025 roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, according to the final approval of resources by the UNGA and actual allotment of resources to UNOG and OHCHR.
- **13 and 14 February 2025:** First intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Article 4 (Rights of victims), Article 5 (Protection of victims), and Article 7 (Access to remedy).
- **17 and 18 February 2025:** Second intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Article 6 (Prevention).
- 14 March 2025: Presentation of the report of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG to the 58<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council<sup>3</sup>.
- **3 and 4 June 2025:** Third intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Article 9 (Jurisdiction), and Article 11 (Applicable law), as well as Article 10 (Statute of limitations).
- **5 and 6 June 2025:** Fourth intersessional thematic consultation, focused on: Article 8 (Legal liability).
- **26 and 27 August 2025:** Fifth intersessional thematic consultation, focused on final assessment of the discussion of Articles 4 to 11 and the possible proposals to be considered by the OEIGWG at its 11<sup>th</sup> session.
- 29 August 2025: Consultation on a proposed programme of work and methodology for the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG, and a proposed 2026 roadmap, including the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG<sup>4</sup>.
- **15 September 2025:** Publication of the summary report of the intersessional thematic consultations mandated by HRC Decision 56/116.
- 6 October 2025: Publication of the revised programme of work and methodology for the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG; and publication of the revised 2026 roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, including the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG<sup>5</sup>.
- 15 October 2025: Briefings to regional groups on the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG.
- **20-24 October 2025: 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG.**

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<sup>1</sup> The implementation of this 2025 roadmap, and in particular the intersessional thematic consultations, are subject to approval, by the UNGA, of the PBI (Programme budget implications) linked to HRC Decision 56/116 for 2025 and allotment of resources given to UNOG and OHCHR for implementation for both staff and activities. All dates reflected in this document will be confirmed through the publication of the confirmed calendar of the 2025 roadmap for the implementation of HRC Decision 56/116, followed by the respective formal invitation from the Secretariat of the OEIGWG.

<sup>2</sup> The questions referred above shall be submitted to [ohchr-igwg-tncs@un.org](mailto:ohchr-igwg-tncs@un.org).

<sup>3</sup> Unless the report needs to be submitted for HRC59 (in June 2025), in light of the tight deadline for the submission of the report for HRC 58.

<sup>4</sup> A proposed programme of work and methodology for the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG and a proposed 2026 roadmap will be circulated in advance to facilitate the consultation.

<sup>5</sup> The implementation of the 2026 and subsequent roadmaps will be subject to approval, by the UNGA, of the PBI linked to HRC Decision 56/116.

### **Methodology of the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG:**

- This methodology is conceived as a “living document”, subject to practical adjustments and improvements according to the developments of the intersessional thematic consultations towards the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG, for which the Chair-Rapporteur remains open to receive any suggestions from States and observers, with a view to enhance the implementation of HRC decision 56/116 and the achievement of the objective of HRC Resolution 26/9.
- Approximately two weeks prior to each intersessional thematic consultations, the Chair-Rapporteur will make available a short non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster, based on the concrete comments, proposals and/or questions presented by States and non-State stakeholders during the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG, including in particular the main areas of divergence.
- The non-paper will be prepared jointly between the Chair-Rapporteur and the legal experts, will be presented by the Chair under his responsibility, and will not have any legal status, and will not replace the “Updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the ninth and tenth session” as the basis for the negotiations. Such non-paper will only be conceived as “food for thought” to trigger focused discussions and allow a better understanding of the implications of diverse language options identified during the 10<sup>th</sup> and former sessions.
- During the **first day** of each intersessional thematic consultation the Chair-Rapporteur will introduce the non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster, taking into account the comments and proposals presented by States and observers during the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG, including in particular the main areas of divergence.
- Following the introduction of the non-paper, the Chair-Rapporteur will request comments from States and other relevant stakeholders, on the non-paper addressing the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s) under the respective cluster. State delegations do not have a specific time limit for their interventions in this segment, but are strongly encouraged to keep those interventions focused on comments on the non-paper, and additional or updated textual proposals on the most essential elements of each provision that were not presented during the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG. Delegations from other relevant stakeholders, should limit their interventions to a maximum of 3 minutes for joint interventions, and 2 minutes for individual comments and textual proposals, with the same focused approach.
- At any moment of the intersessional thematic consultations, States and other relevant stakeholders may address specific questions to the legal experts, through the Chair-Rapporteur, in relation to the non-paper and the core elements of the relevant article(s) and theme(s), including the main areas of divergence mentioned above. The Chair-Rapporteur will require that responses and advice from the legal experts remain concise and technical, with a view to promote an inclusive, constructive, interactive and effective dialogue among States, and to facilitate the understanding of the legal implications of the proposals, as well as the identification of possible elements of convergence.
- During the **second day** of each intersessional thematic consultation, according to the development of the first day, the Chair-Rapporteur may present proposal(s) with language options with possible solutions to the divergences in the “Updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the ninth and tenth session”, and identified during the first part of each intersessional thematic consultation, prepared with the assistance of legal experts, including, as appropriate, legal sources justifying those options, for the consideration and discussion by the States and other non-State relevant stakeholders. Possible solutions to divergences will not have any legal status, until the possible further consideration of those proposals by the OEIGWG at its next regular session.
- At least one month prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the OEIGWG, the Chair-Rapporteur will make available a factual summary report of the intersessional thematic consultations, with a view to inform and support that session of the OEIGWG, in accordance with the mandate of Decision 56/116.