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**Subject: Request for written contributions from relevant stakeholders to the second session of the open-ended inter-governmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights.**

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the second session of the open-ended inter-governmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIGWG). The second session will take place from 24-28 October 2016 in Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The OEIGWG was established pursuant to Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/RES/26/9 and is mandated to develop an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

On behalf of the Chair of the OEIGWG, Her Excellency Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, OHCHR kindly invites relevant stakeholders to submit written contributions relevant to the work of the OEIGWG on possible principles, scope and elements of an international legally binding instrument (OP 5 A/HRC/RES/26/9).

Contributions received from relevant stakeholders that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC are subject to a word limit (2,000 words). They will not be issued as official documents with a conference room paper number, but will be published on the OEIWG web page, providing they relate to the mandate of the OEIWG session (see OP2 and OP5, A/HRC/RES/26/9), are drafted in a non-abusive language, and identify the submitting NGO (as anonymous information is not accepted).

Written contributions should be sent to the Secretariat of the OEIGWG by email ([igwg-tncs@ohchr.org](mailto:igwg-tncs@ohchr.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 90 08) by the 1 September 2016. Such submissions should be received in one of the official UN languages and in MS Word document or compatible format. Please note that all submissions will be made available on the web page of the second session of the OEIGWG. For environmental considerations, concise and electronic submissions are encouraged.

The provisional agenda, information concerning accreditation and other relevant documentation will be made available on the OHCHR webpage around the first week of September at the following address:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/WGTransCorp/Pages/IGWGOntnc.aspx>

I look forward to the active participation of your organization in the work of the Working Group at its forthcoming session and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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