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**Open-ended intergovernmental working group for the elaboration of an
International Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations and other
Business Enterprises with respect to human rights,
Resolution A/HRC/26/9
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Item 4

First reading of the draft legally binding instrument:

Article 1. Preamble

Article 14. Institutional arrangements

Article 15. Final provisions

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Our remarks are made in the spirit of cooperation and with the view of improving and strengthening the draft legally binding document.

In line with our previous statements we would like to make some specific suggestions on the Preamble of the draft legally binding instrument.

Insert “*international humanitarian law*” in paragraph three of the Preamble after “*Recognizing the rules of international law*”. The paragraph shall read “*Recognizing the rules of international law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law with respect to the international responsibility of States*.”.

The principle of sovereignty and territorial integrity is the primary principle that serves as a basis for any further engagement whether political or economic. This principle was

also covered under the draft elements document that we were discussing last year. We therefore request inserting that principle in paragraph seven of the Preamble after “*Upholding the principles of...*”.

Paragraph eight of the Preamble shall also make reference to the international humanitarian law and shall read “*Desiring to contribute to the development of international law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law in this field,*”.

We welcome article 15.5 as is.

We have no specific comments on other articles under consideration for the time being and we will submit all possible further comments to you in writing.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.