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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,
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General statements

**Delivered by Mrs. Kamala Huseynli-Abishova,
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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

We wish to join other delegations in congratulating you on your election and wish you success in your future endeavor.

Furthermore, we wish to thank you and the delegation of Ecuador for preparing and submitting the zero draft of the legally binding instrument in due time and for the substantial informal negotiations undertaken with the aim to prepare this draft.

We have carefully studied the zero draft of the legally binding instrument and we look forward to further engage constructively in substantial negotiations this week with you and all interested Parties with the view of improving and strengthening the draft legal document.

We believe that the respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States is the key precondition for any further fruitful engagement, and business is no exception. With this approach we can obtain global peace and achieve sustainable development.

TNCs and OBEs are emerging global players and they too shall respect norms and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law.

We are deeply alarmed with the cases of corporate human rights abuses, especially when such cases are taking place during conflict and post conflict situations, as well as in times of natural and manmade disasters, terror acts and other times of human sufferings, when already miserable situation of victims may be often intentionally misused by TNCs and OBEs to generate revenue. Such cases shall be eliminated and further prevented.

We may not be able to eliminate all corporate human right abuses with the elaboration of the legally binding document, although this is our ultimate goal, however we will give victims the instrument to seek justice and effective remedy.

Mr. Chairman,

We reiterate our support to the process of elaborating international legally binding instrument to regulate in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises and remain committed to the process in line with the mandate of Resolution 26/9.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.