

**PROPOSED ROADMAP TOWARDS THE 10<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

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Paragraph 31 of the *Report on the ninth session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights* (A/HRC/55/59) contains the following relevant recommendations adopted by consensus:

- (c) *That due consideration be given to presenting a procedural decision to the Human Rights Council (HRC) to request the additional human and financial resources necessary to move the process forward, in line with the mandate established by the HRC in its resolution 26/9, and to enhance the support capabilities in the area of business and human rights within the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR, for the work on the legally binding instrument (LBI).*
- (d) *That the Chair-Rapporteur hold consultations during the intersessional period, with the support of the friends of the Chair, on a methodology to advance more effectively the process for the elaboration of the LBI, in line with the mandate established by the HRC in its resolution 26/9, and ensuring the broadest possible interregional support for the process.*
- (e) *That the Chair-Rapporteur convene intersessional, interregional thematic consultations to discuss the draft LBI, in line with the mandate established by HRC in its resolution 26/9, with the assistance of at least five legal experts. The selection of the experts should be suggested by the OHCHR. The experts should represent different legal systems, their selection should aim at geographical and gender representation and the regional coordinators should be informed of the selection in a timely manner.*
- (f) *That the Chair-Rapporteur prepare a programme of work and present a methodology for the tenth session of the working group, to be held in 2024.*

On 15 March 2024, during the 55<sup>th</sup> regular session of the HRC, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group (IGWG), delivered a statement regarding the presentation of the abovementioned report, as well as his personal assessment of that session, followed by a proposed way forward to enhance the capacity of Member States, together with other relevant stakeholders, to deliver on the mandate of HRC resolution 26/9.

As part of that way forward and in full compliance with the recommendations adopted by consensus at the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> session, and in dialogue with the Friends of the Chair, the Chair-Rapporteur proposes the following activities to be held during 2024, in the intersessional period, until the holding of the 10<sup>th</sup> session (21-25 October 2024), and their respective tentative dates:

		April	May	June	July	August	September.	October
1	Consultation, with the support of the Friends of the Chair (FoCh), on the proposed roadmap towards the 10th session of the IGWG, with a view to gathering comments and suggestions, including with respect to the selection of the legal experts and the draft (procedural) decision.	12 April						
2	Publication, through the Secretariat, of a call for legal experts, with a deadline of May 5.	15 April to 5 May						
3	Publication, through the Secretariat, of the list of selected legal experts. Each FoCh should inform their respective regional coordinator in a timely manner.		15 May					
4	Consultation, with the support of the FoCh, on a methodology to advance more effectively the process for the elaboration of the LBI, including on the substantive issues to be prioritized during the 10th session of the IGWG.		23 May					
5	Consultation on a preliminary draft (procedural) decision for HRC 56.			6 June				
6	Informal consultation during HRC 56 on the "zero" draft (procedural) decision.			20 June				
7	Action taken on the draft (procedural) decision within the framework of HRC 56.				10-11 July			
8	Publication, through the Secretariat, of the proposed programme of work for the 10th session of the IGWG and call for consultation.					26 August		
9	Consultation, with the support of the FoCh, on the programme of work and the methodology for the 10th session of the IGWG, including on the substantive issues to be prioritized.						3 September	
10	Publication, through the Secretariat, of the revised version of the programme of work for the 10th session of the IGWG.						13 September	
11	Thematic consultation, with the assistance of legal experts, on prioritized substantive issues for the 10th session of the IGWG.							11 October
12	Briefings to regional groups on the 10th session of the IGWG.							14 October
13	10th session of the IGWG.							21-25 October