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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Belgium, Chile, Ecuador,* France, Luxembourg, Portugal*: draft decision

56/... Enhancing the support capabilities of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, established by Human Rights Council resolution 26/9

At its XX meeting, on XX July 2024, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolution 26/9 of 26 June 2014,

Taking note of the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights on its ninth session,¹ in particular its recommendations contained in paragraph 31 (c) and (e),

1. *Decides* that, starting in 2025, for a period of three years, the working group will convene no more than 10 full-day intersessional thematic consultations each year, in Geneva, with the assistance, as deemed necessary, of legal experts to be selected by the Chair-Rapporteur of the working group in accordance with the recommendation of the ninth session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group, to be held in a hybrid format, should the General Assembly agree to reintroduce such a format, for the purpose of discussing clusters of articles of the draft legally binding instrument currently being negotiated in line with the mandate established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 26/9;

2. *Also decides* that, before each session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group, the Chair-Rapporteur will make available a summary report of consultations, with a view to inform and support that session;

3. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to enhance support capabilities in the area of business and human rights within the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the work on the draft legally binding instrument, including to provide the additional human, technical and financial assistance necessary to support the above-mentioned intersessional consultations;

* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.

¹ A/HRC/55/59.



4. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to ensure the provision of webcasting services for the annual meetings of the open-ended intergovernmental working group;

5. *Further requests* the High Commissioner to submit a report to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session on progress made in the implementation of the present procedural decision for consideration of its possible renewal at its sixty-fifth session.”
