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To: **Lotte KNUDSEN – Managing Director Human rights - Global and Multilateral issues**


Subject: Flash report – HRC – EU participation in the “treaty process” on TNCs and other enterprises allows a smooth start in the second session - 24-28 October 2016




Summary:

EU participation allows a rather smooth start to the second session of the Ecuador-led Human Rights Council Intergovernmental Working Group on "an international legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights". 



Details:

1. In a Room XX packed with civil society organizations, EUDEL delivered on 24 October an EU intervention [attached] for the opening of the second session of the Human Rights Council's Intergovernmental Working Group on "an international legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights", pursuant to resolution 26/9. 



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4. In addition to the EU and the African Group, some 25 States and the Council of Europe delivered general statements, with many insisting on the need to continue implementing the UN Guiding Principles and/or their complementarity with the treaty process [REDACTED]

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7. At their request, the EU Delegation met some 20 civil society organisations for a bilateral meeting. While some appreciation was expressed regarding EU participation, most participants were eager to seek the EU's position on the content of a treaty and called for further engagement with EEAS/Commission policy makers in Brussels. [REDACTED]

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