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## IN PREPARATION FOR A TREATY: CALLING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND JOINT ACTION

### Evening Conference

On the occasion of the 2nd Session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2016

18:30 - 20:30

Refreshments will be served following the conference

Conference Room – Club Suisse de la Presse  
Route de Ferney 106 - 1202 Geneva  
Bus 5 Stop: INTERCONTINENTAL

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### ORGANIZERS

International Catholic Center of Geneva (CCIG), Franciscans International (FI), Dominicans for Justice and Peace, Fastenopfer, International Platform Against Impunity

### In collaboration with:

Act Alliance, Al-Haq, Caritas Internationalis, FIAN International, International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE), Lutheran World Federation

### FINDING EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Globalization has made it increasingly easy for transnational corporations (TNCs) to do business and manufacture their products abroad. This trend has led to considerable gaps in human rights protection due to the lack of appropriate rules and regulations granting accountability and adequate remedies in cases of violations. Thus far, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights have been insufficient in protecting the rights of affected populations. Through contributions from local Human Rights Defenders from different regions and other experts on the issue, the Panel will focus on the main challenges encountered on the ground with regards to abuses perpetrated by TNCs and business enterprises, highlighting the role of States as the primary duty-bearers under international human rights law. The goal of this event is to convene concerned actors and foster a dialogue on the necessary contents of a treaty which would address the needs of affected individuals and communities.

### PROGRAM

#### 18h30 – Interactive Panel

##### Moderated by:

**Dr. Ana Maria Suarez-Franco**

FIAN International

##### Panelists:

**Mr. Jaybee Garganera**

Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM), Philippines, Partner of Franciscans International

**Mr. Henri Muhiva**

Episcopal Commission on Natural Resources, Democratic Republic of Congo, Partner of Franciscans International

**Ms. Debóra Yancoba**

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**Ms. Elisabet Pérez**

Tierra Digna, Colombia, Partner of Glencore Shadow Network, Lutheran World Federation and CIDSE

#### 20:00 – Questions and Discussion