

Open-ended intergovernmental working group (IGWG) to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework, without prejudging the nature thereof, relating to the activities of private military and security companies

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Suggested Revised Text
Agenda item 3

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Current text, PP19

(PP198) *Concerned* about the differentiated impacts ~~of the activities~~ that unlawful activities of Private Military and Security Companies have on different groups of the societies in States where such Companies are operating, and especially on individuals and groups in vulnerable situations and other marginalized communities, [including, but not limited to], women, children, elderly persons, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, members of the LGBTIQ+ community, members of marginalized racial, ethnic and indigenous communities, human rights ~~and environmental~~ defenders, including those working on environmental matters, internally displaced persons, migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers;

To replace by following revised text:

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Reason for suggested deletion:

1. Agreement on keeping LGBTIQ in PP 19 is not likely in view of the strong disagreements by Iran, Algeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and other countries.
2. Insistence on keeping LGBTIQ in text by several European and Latin American countries is equally strong
3. Compromise solution is full stop after "...on individuals and groups in vulnerable situations and other marginalized communities".
4. All other specific groups can be understood to be part of the text without the deleted specifics. PP 19 is clear, no need to add specifics that could become an endless list with plenty of reasons by different countries to withhold consensus endangering the whole instrument