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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This on corporate social responsibility (CSR) holds significant importance for the scientific community as it explores the relationship between CSR and the realization of economic, social, and cultural rights, particularly in developing countries. By addressing the legal frameworks at both international and domestic levels, it sheds light on how CSR can serve as a tool for sustainable development and human right advocacy. The analysis of CSR as a bridge between economic and human rights law is particularly timely, given the increasing role of multinational corporations in global economies. This manuscript provides valuable insights into the potential of CSR to contribute to the fulfilment of critical development projects, especially in resource-constrained environments.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>The title of the article, "Corporate social responsibility's impact on realizing economic, social, and cultural rights," is generally suitable as it reflects the core focus of the manuscript. However, it could be made more precise and engaging by emphasizing the role of multinational corporations and legal frameworks. A suggested alternative title could be:            "The Role of Corporate Social Responsibility in Advancing Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights: Legal Frameworks and Multinational Perspectives"            This title highlights both the subject (CSR) and its connection to economic, social, and cultural rights, while also hinting at the broader legal and international dimensions discussed in the manuscript.</p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>The abstract of the article provides a clear overview of the key themes, including the legal basis of CSR, its role in both international and domestic law, and its impact on economic, social, and cultural rights. However, there are some areas where it could be improved to make it more comprehensive and focused. Here are a few suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The abstract touches on CSR for transnational corporations but could be clearer about the specific focus on multinational corporations, given the manuscript's emphasis on their role in development and human rights.</li> <li>2. Mentioning the specific challenges faced by developing countries in implementing CSR or gaps in existing legal frameworks would add depth and context.</li> <li>3. Since the research uses a descriptive-analytical approach, it would be useful to briefly mention this in the abstract to give readers an idea of the research methods.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The manuscript appears to have a solid structure with clearly defined subsections that cover the key aspects of CSR and its relationship with economic, social, and cultural rights. The current structure allows for a comprehensive discussion of the legal frameworks, the role of multinational corporations, and the broader implications of CSR. However, there are some areas where the structure could be refined for better clarity and flow.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. While the manuscript references key works and principles, a dedicated subsection for a literature review would help provide a more systematic overview of existing research on CSR and human rights. This would clarify the manuscript's unique contribution.</li> <li>2. The manuscript uses a descriptive-analytical approach, but it would be helpful to include a brief methodology subsection to explain this approach more explicitly. This would enhance the academic rigor and transparency of the research process.</li> <li>3. Some subsections, such as those discussing CSR's role in international law and the role of multinational corporations, could be merged or streamlined to avoid redundancy. For example, the "Legal Role of CSR in the International Legal System" and the "Legal Position of CSR in the Practice of International Organizations" could potentially be combined for smoother reading.</li> <li>4. Although the manuscript touches on recommendations for policymakers and corporations would strengthen the overall impact of the paper.</li> <li>5. Some subsection headings could be more descriptive. For instance, instead of "Second Discourse," it might be better to use something like "CSR and the Realization of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights" to make it immediately clear what the section addresses.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript demonstrates scientific correctness and robustness by grounding its arguments in well-established legal frameworks and theories of CSR. It effectively integrates international law, human rights, and CSR, drawing from authoritative sources such as United Nations guidelines, OECD standards, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. The manuscript uses a descriptive-analytical approach to critically examine the role of CSR in realizing economic, social, and cultural rights, especially in developing countries. The technical soundness is further supported by a comprehensive review of both international and domestic legal systems, as well as by outlining the procedural aspects of CSR as a bridge between law and sustainable development. Its alignment with current global standards and legal norms makes the research scientifically credible and reliable.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b> =</p>	<p>The manuscript includes a comprehensive set of references, covering key sources such as international law, CSR guidelines, and human rights frameworks. However, some references appear to be older, with several dating back to the early 2000s or earlier. For a topic like corporate social responsibility, which has seen significant development in recent years, it would be beneficial to include more recent sources, particularly those published within the last five years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incorporating recent studies and reports, especially from 2018 onward, would provide a more up-to-date view of CSR practices,</li> </ol>	

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	<p>particularly in the context of multinational corporations and evolving global sustainability standards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While many of the references are theoretical, adding empirical studies or reports from recent CSR initiatives would strengthen the practical relevance of the manuscript.</li> <li>CSR has evolved with trends such as ESG criteria, corporate accountability, and sustainable business practices. Citing recent literature on these developments could enhance the manuscript's relevance to current debates.</li> </ol>	
<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The language quality of the article is generally clear and understandable, but there are areas that could be improved to better suit scholarly communication standards. While the manuscript uses appropriate academic terminology, some sentences are complex and could benefit from simplification for better readability. Additionally, the use of legal jargon is sometimes heavy, which may make it less accessible to a broader academic audience, especially those unfamiliar with specific legal terms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some sentences are long and convoluted. Breaking them into shorter clearer sentences would enhance readability and ensure the arguments are more easily understood.</li> <li>Where legal jargon is used (e.g. soft law, customary law), providing brief explanations or simplifying the language could make the content more accessible without losing precision.</li> <li>Ensure consistency in terminology and structure. For example, switching between terms like "CSR" and "corporate social responsibility" should be done consistently.</li> <li>Some points are repeated in different sections, which could be streamlined to avoid redundancy and maintain focus.</li> </ol>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The manuscript addresses a highly relevant and timely topic in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and its impact on economic, social, and cultural rights, particularly in the context of developing countries. The connection between CSR, international law, and sustainable development is well articulated and crucial for contemporary academic discussions.</li> <li>The manuscript provides an in-depth exploration of the legal frameworks governing CSR, effectively bridging the gap between theory and practice. The discussion on the role of multinational corporations and their responsibility towards host countries is particularly well-developed and insightful.</li> <li>While the manuscript covers all the necessary aspects, the overall structure could be improved for better clarity and flow. Organizing sections more logically and providing clearer transitions between them would help readers navigate through the arguments more easily.</li> <li>The manuscript mentions a descriptive-analytical approach but lacks a dedicated section explaining the methodology in detail. Adding a brief methodology section would enhance the scientific rigor and transparency of the research process.</li> <li>Including real-world case studies or examples would strengthen the manuscript by providing practical evidence of CSR's impact on rights and development, particularly in developing nations. This would also engage readers more effectively by linking theoretical discussions with actual outcomes.</li> <li>The language is generally suitable for academic discourse but could be simplified in certain areas to enhance readability. Some sentences are long and complex, which may affect the manuscript's accessibility to a broader audience.</li> </ol> <p>The manuscript is well-researched and makes a significant contribution to the field of CSR and international law. With some improvements in structure, language clarity, and inclusion of recent references and real-world examples, it could be further enhanced to meet the standards of scholarly communication and broaden its appeal to a wider academic audience.</p> <p>Based on the content reviewed from the manuscript, there do not appear to be any significant ethical issues. The manuscript discusses CSR within legal and ethical frameworks, emphasizing the positive role of CSR in promoting economic, social, and cultural rights. The subject matter aligns with established practices in legal and human rights research, and there is no indication of misuse of data, misinterpretation of facts, or ethical breaches in research methodology.</p>	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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