



## **Project on Organizing, Development, Education and Research (PODER)**

### **Submission to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights General Comment on State Obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Context of Business Activities**

We are very pleased to know about the development of the **General Comment on State Obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Context of Business Activities** that will help States on implementing the UN Business and Human Rights Principles.

The Project on Organizing, Development, Education and Research (PODER) would like to respectfully make the following specific submission to the United Nations' Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in order to be considered in the General Comment:

Clearly define the role of States in supervising that Aid for Trade, Financing for Development, international cooperation, that banks, agencies and international financial institutions provide to investment projects incorporate Human Rights Impact Assessments as part of their due diligence processes, and have clear cancellation policies if projects they support negatively impact the rights enshrined in the Covenant.

As a Civil Society Organization, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to these documents, developing a constructive engagement with civil society.

We also reaffirm our continuing commitment to support the important activities that the Committee undertakes.

#### **About PODER**

The Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research (PODER)® is a regional not-for-profit, non-governmental organization. Our mission is to improve corporate transparency and accountability in Latin America and to strengthen civil society stakeholders of corporations as long-term accountability guarantors. We accomplish this by leveraging business intelligence, transparency technologies, and community organizing to ultimately build a citizen-led corporate accountability movement.

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