

Dear Sirs,

Centro de Investigación para la Epidemia del Tabaquismo (Ciet Uruguay) applauds the efforts of the Human Rights Council to protect people from the human rights abuses of transnational corporations through a legally binding instrument. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input in the process.

Ciet Uruguay and its members call upon the OEIWG and the member States of the United Nations Human Rights Council to include the recommendations in this document in the Treaty.

We recommend that the Treaty include specific references to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). The international legal precedents contained in the FCTC, the first public health and corporate accountability treaty, provide powerful tools that allow democratic institutions to reclaim public policymaking from transnational corporations.

Throughout the OEIWG sessions, references to the FCTC have been made, but the draft elements do not include specific references to the FCTC. The finalized treaty should include references to the WHO FCTC, in the preamble and throughout the text, to illustrate the shared public health and human right goals of the two treaties.

Sincerely,

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