

Letter to United Nation's Member States

Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on a Legally Binding Instrument on TNCs and OBEs with Respect to Human Rights—OEIGWG

June 5, 2018

We, members of the Treaty Alliance a broad platform of civil society organizations and social movements in support of the adoption of an international human rights treaty on transnational corporations (TNCs) and other business enterprises (OBEs), and other undersigned organizations, call on all UN Member States to engage without delay in this stage of the process in active and constructive negotiations of the substance of the treaty to improve the human rights of communities and people affected by the operations of TNCs and OBEs and their access to effective remedy, and to put an end to corporate impunity for human rights abuses.

We consider that talks among member States as well as with CSOs are key to move the process forward. We envision this work advancing along two tracks, both of extreme importance for the process: one on the content of the future Treaty and another on how the discussion will be organized (“way forward”).

To this end, we first call on States to provide substantive comments during the informal consultations which are currently taking place in Geneva and be prepared to contribute with concrete language and substantive proposals on the draft treaty once this is released as foreseen in the report of the 3rd session of the OEIGWG.

Second, to support the active and substantive engagement in the negotiations by the Member States, we emphasize the high importance of the timely release of the draft treaty to allow government delegations and other stakeholders sufficient time to prepare for the discussions. It should take into consideration the elements paper released before the third session and the oral and written contributions made during the first three sessions.

Third, in order to move forward in the second track, regarding the negotiation process, we call also on the active participation of States in bringing concrete and clear proposals to the Chair on how the programme of work on the negotiation process, including that of the upcoming 4th session, should be organized to achieve the mandate in the shortest time possible. We also call on the Chair of the IGWG to give due consideration to all those proposals and renew efforts towards a negotiated outcome.

We underline our strong commitment to the objective of establishing an international treaty. A set of binding obligations and enforcement mechanisms is the next necessary and logical step in the process that started several decades ago to ensure access to justice for affected individuals and communities and put an end to corporate impunity.

Signatories:

1. 11.11.11, Belgium
2. Abibiman Foundation
3. ACOMADET
4. Action Solidarité Tiers Monde

5. ActionAid International
6. ACTUAR-ACD
7. ADDHHES (Autoconvocados por la DDHH de los enfermos de HIV) Argentina
8. ADVOCATES & TRAINERS FOR CHILDREN & WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT & RIGHTS (ATCWAR)
9. AEFJN Belgian antenna
10. AEFJN UK
11. AEFJN- Antena de Madrid
12. AEGEE
13. Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN)
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15. Africa Europa Fe-Justicia
16. Africa Europe Faith and Justice Network
17. AFRICA-EUROPE FAITH & JUSTICE NETWORK (UK Antenna)
18. African Coalition of Corporate Accountability (ACCA)
19. African Law Foundation (AfriLaw)
20. African Law Foundation (AFRILAW), Nigeria
21. Africaye.org
22. Afrika Europa Netwerk
23. Afrika Kontakt (Denmark)
24. Afrikagrupperna
25. Agricultural Missions, Inc, USA
26. Al-Haq
27. ALBOAN
28. Alliance des Femmes Tunisienne Agriculture, Tunisie
29. Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)
30. Alliance nationale des Mutualités chrétiennes
31. ALTSEAN-Burma
32. Ambiente, Desarrollo y Capacitación (ADC), Honduras
33. Amigos de la Tierra (FoE) América Latina y Caribe (ATALC)
34. Amis de l'Afrique Francophone- Bénin (AMAF-BENIN)
35. ANDHES (Abogados y abogadas del Noroeste Argentino en Derechos Humanos y Estudios Sociales)
36. ANTENNA ITALIANA AEFJN
37. Anti-Slavery International
38. Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Eine Welt-Landesnetzwerke in Deutschland e.V. (agl)
39. Argentina Mejor sin TLC
40. Art center
41. Asamblea Veracruzana de Iniciativas y Defensa Ambiental, Mexico
42. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
43. Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development
44. Asociación de Investigación y Especialización sobre Temas Iberoamericanos (AIETI)
45. Asociación Intersectorial para el Desarrollo Económico y Progreso Social CIDEP. Eñ Salvador
46. Asociación MINGA
47. ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE TRANSFORMACIÓN
48. Asociación Profesional de Cooperantes Españoles
49. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development, India
50. Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
51. ATD Fourth World
52. ATTAC Argentina
53. Attac Austria
54. Attac D

55. ATTAC España
56. ATTAC France
57. ATTAC Norway
58. ATTAC País Valencià
59. Banana Link
60. BankTrack
61. Basel Institute of Commons and Economics
62. Belgian Support Committee to the Saharawi People
63. Biowatch, South Africa
64. Bolivian Platform on Climate Change
65. Brazilian Working Group for the 2030 Agenda
66. Broederlijk Delen
67. Brot für die Welt (Austria)
68. BUND / Friends of the Earth Germany
69. Burma Human Rights Network
70. CAJAR
71. Campaign for Human Rights and Development International (CHRD), Sierra Leone/UK
72. Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD)
73. CCFD - Terre Solidaire
74. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
75. Center for Research and Documentation Chile-Latin America (FDCL)
76. Center of Concern, USA
77. Centre Europe – Tiers Monde (CETIM)
78. Centre for Economic Social Cultural Rights in Africa (CESCRA)
79. Centre for Health Science and Law
80. Centre for Human Rights and Development
81. Centre national de coopération au développement-11.11.11 (CNCD)
82. Centro de Derechos Económicos y Sociales-CDES (Ecuador)
83. CENTRO DE DERECHOS ECONÓMICOS Y SOCIALES-CDES ECUADOR
84. Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos “Segundo Montes Mozo S.J.” (CSMM)
85. Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS)
86. Centro de Estudios para la Justicia Social TIERRA DIGNA
87. Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Humanos - Perú EQUIDAD
88. Centro Internazionale Crocevia
89. CESTA
90. CESTA FOE El Salvador
91. CESTA, Amigos de la Tierra El Salvador
92. CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú
93. CIDSE
94. CIEDUR. URUGUAY
95. Civil society network for food security and rural Development in Cameroon (COSADER)
96. Civil Society Organization of Small Island Developing States (SIDS CSO)
97. Clean Air Action Group (Hungary)
98. Clean Clothes Campaign International
99. Colectivo VientoSur, Chile.
100. Collectif Ethique sur l'étiquette
101. Collectif Guatemala, France
102. Collective Campaign for Peace (COCAP) Nepal
103. Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz, Colombia
104. COMISIONES OBRERAS (CCOO) - España

105. Comisiones Obreras (CCOO), Spain
106. Comité Ambiental en Defensa de la Vida, Colombia
107. Common Frontiers
108. Community Divine Compassion
109. Community Empowerment and Social Justice Foundation (CEmSoJ)
110. Community Resource Centre, Thailand
111. Confederación Sindical de Trabajadores/as de las Américas (CSA)
112. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
113. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
114. COOPERACION ALTERNATIVA Y ACCION SOLIDARIA
115. COORDINACIÓN DE ONG Y COOPERATIVAS -CONGCOOP- GUATEMALA
116. Coordinadora Nacional Plan de Ayala - Movimiento Nacional (CNPA MN)
117. Coordination nationale de la Marche Mondiale des Femmes, Tunisie
118. CorA Network for Corporate Accountability
119. Corporación SOS Ambiental
120. Corporate Accountability International
121. Corporate Europe Observatory
122. Corriente Nuestra Patria. Argentina
123. Corriente Nuetroamericana de Trabajadores 19 de Diciembre. Argentina
124. CTD Aníbal Verón. Argentina.
125. Democracy Center
126. Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)
127. Development & Integrity Intervention Goal Foundation
128. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era
129. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
130. DIALOGO 2000 - JUBILEO SUR ARGENTINA
131. DITSHWANELO - The Botswana Centre for Himan Rights
132. Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality, Fiji
133. DKA Austria
134. Dominican Leadership Conference
135. Dominicans for Justice and Peace
136. Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF)
137. Eco-TIRAS INternational Association of River Keepers
138. ECOAR))) Global
139. Ecologistas en Acción
140. Edmund Rice International
141. El Poder del Consumido, Mexico
142. ELA
143. ELA (Euskal Sindikatua)
144. Enlaces por la Sostenibilidad, El Salvador
145. Entrepueblos-Entrepobles-Entrepobos-Herriarte
146. Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria
147. Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia (Gender Equity: Citizenship, Work and Family), México
148. ESCR-Net — International Network for Economic, Social & Cultural Rights
149. ETOs Watch Coalition
150. EU-LAT Network
151. Facing Finance e.V.
152. Fahamu Africa
153. Fair Trade Town Hamburg

154. Fairwatch Italy
155. FARN Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales . Argentina.
156. Federación de Comités de África Negra
157. FEDERACION DE COMITES DE SOLIDARIDAD CON AFRICA NEGRA-
158. Federación SETEM
159. Federación SETEM
160. Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights (FEEDAR & HR)
161. FedralUniversity ofPernambuco
162. FEMNET
163. Fenntarthatóság Felé Egyesület /Towards Sustainability Association, Hungary
164. FIAN Austria
165. FIAN Belgium
166. FIAN Brazil
167. FIAN Colombia
168. FIAN Germany
169. FIAN Honduras
170. FIAN International
171. FIAN Mexico
172. FIAN Portugal
173. FIAN Sweden
174. FIAN Switzerland
175. FIDELA . Argentina,
176. Fiji Women's Rights Movement
177. Finnish League for Human Rights
178. FOCSIV
179. Focsiv, Italy
180. Fondazione Finanza Etica
181. Food Coalition
182. forest observatory
183. Foro Ciudadano de Participación por la Justicia y los Derechos Humanos (FOCO)
184. FORPP
185. Forschungs- und Dokumentationszentrum Chile-Lateinamerika e.V.
186. Foundation for Environment and Natural Resources (FENR)
187. Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
188. France Amérique Latine (FAL)
189. Franciscans International
190. FRESH EYES PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TRAVEL CIC
191. FRIENDS OF FOREST RESERVES AND VIRGIN GROVES
192. Friends of the Earth Asia
193. Friends of the Earth Brazil
194. Friends of the Earth Europe
195. Friends of the Earth France
196. Friends of the Earth International (FOEI)
197. Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho (FESPAD), El Salvador
198. Fundacion Dominicana de Obesidad y Prevencion Cardiovascular (FUNDO)
199. FUNDACION ECUMENICA PARA EL DESARROLLO Y LA PAZ - FEDEPAZ
200. Fundación Etnica Integral (FEI), Republica Dominicana
201. Fundación Mexicana para la Planeación Familiar AC, MEXFAM
202. Fundación Mundubat

203. Fundación Pachamama
204. Fundación para el Desarrollo de Políticas Sustentables (FUNDEPS), Peru
205. GATEWAY MINISTRIES AND EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX
206. Geneva Infant Feeding Association (GIFA)
207. Geneva Infant Feeding Association (GIFA), liaison office to the international organisations for the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN)
208. Gestos, Brazil
209. Global Forest Coalition
210. Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
211. Global Justice Now
212. Global Policy Forum
213. Global Responsibility – Austrian Platform for Development and Humanitarian Aid
214. Goliathwatch
215. Grup Català d'Empreses i Drets Humans
216. Grupo de Estudio Sobre El Derecho Internacional Privado y los Derechos Humanos (Research Group on Private International Law and Human Rights)
217. Grupo de Estudios Ambientales
218. Grupo de Resistência Asa Branca (GRAB)
219. Grupo Pela Vidda - RJ (Brasil)
220. Grupo Pela Vidda - SP
221. Grupo Tacuba
222. Grupo Tacuba, Mexico
223. Haus Of Khameleon
224. Health Innovation in Practice (HIP), Geneva
225. Health Poverty Action
226. Hnas. Misioneras de Ntra. Sra. de Africa
227. Homa-Human Rights and Business Centre
228. HondurasDelegation Alemania y Austria
229. Human Rights International Corner
230. Humanistas por la Salud
231. Humanitaire Plus, Togo
232. Humanrights.ch
233. IBON International
234. ICW-CIF
235. IFARMA FOUNDATION COLOMBIA
236. Inclusive Development International
237. Indonesia Focal Point for Legally Binding Instrument
238. Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ)
239. Inesc
240. INFOE - Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology
241. Information Group on Latin America (IGLA), Austria
242. Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER)
243. Institute for Policy Studies, Global Economy Project
244. Instytut Globalnej Odpowiedzialności (Poland)
245. International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN)
246. International Centre for Trade Union Rights
247. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)
248. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
249. International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF)
250. International network for a Human Economy-RIEH Asia

251. International Presentation Association
252. International River (IR)
253. International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP –AP)
254. International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN)
255. IOGT International
256. IPPNW
257. Island Sustainability Alliance CIS Inc.
258. Jamaa Resource Initiatives, Kenya
259. Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia
260. JOAS
261. Jordens Vänner /Friends of the Earth Sweden
262. Justiça Ambiental / Friends of the Earth Mozambique
263. Justiça Global
264. JUSTIÇA NOS TRILHOS
265. Justice & Paix
266. Justice for Iran
267. KENYA SMALL FARMERS FORUM KESFF
268. KRuHA Indonesia - people's coalition for the right to water
269. La Asamblea Veracruzana de Iniciativas y Defensa Ambiental - LAVIDA (México)
270. LA MUNDIAL Spain
271. La Oficina Ecuménica por la Paz y la Justicia
272. Labour Health and Human Rights Development Center
273. Lakeshore & Help Relief Zambia
274. Latvian Human Rights Committee
275. Latvian Human Rights Committee
276. Les Amis de la Terre du Val de Bièvre
277. LITE Africa
278. Living Law, UK
279. Lumière Synergie pour le Développement (LSD), Sénégal
280. Maloca Internationale.
281. Mamma Africa Community Center
282. Manushya Foundation
283. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
284. medico international
285. Mekong Butterfly, Thailand
286. MIJARC Asia
287. Mission EineWelt
288. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
289. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
290. Movement of Young Feminists in Mozambique
291. Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens (MAB)
292. Movimento dos Pequenos Agricultores-MPA
293. Movimiento de Mujeres Orquideas Del Mar
294. Movimiento Estudiantil Liberación. Argentina
295. Movimiento Juventud Kuna
296. Movimiento Madre Tierra Honduras
297. MPEVH = maison du Peuple d'Europe - Europeese VolksHuis
298. MPR Quebracho. Argentina.
299. MTVSZ / Friends of the Earth Hungary
300. Nakororiki Park Association

301. National Coordinating Organization for Farmers Association The Gambia (NACOFAG)
302. Natural Resources Alliance of Kenya (KeNRA)
303. NaZemi
304. NeSoVe - Network Social Responsibility
305. NeSoVe / Netzwerk Soziale Verantwortung
306. Niger Delta Women's movement for Peace and Development
307. Nigeria Private Sector Alliance (NiPSA)
308. Nigerian Women Agro Allied Farmers Association
309. Nigerian women agro allied farmers association
310. NOAH, Friends of the Earth Denmark
311. NONE
312. North South Initiative
313. Observatorio de Expansión Minero - Energética y Re-existencias
314. Observatorio de la Deuda en la Globalización (ODG)
315. Oikos Cooperação e Desenvolvimento
316. Oxfam IBIS
317. Oxfam in Guatemala
318. Pacific Partnerships on Gender, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (PPGCCSD)
319. Pacifistas Ciudad Real
320. Partnership for Global Justice
321. Pax Christi International
322. PBI Colombia
323. Peace and Economic Development Initiative
324. Pensamiento y Acción Social, Colombia
325. People's Health Movement
326. Perhimpunan Sanggabuana
327. Perkumpulan WALLACEA
328. Plataforma Cantabria por lo Público y Contra los Recortes
329. Plataforma Internacional Contra la Impunidad
330. Plateforme Haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif, Haiti
331. Platform Duurzame en Solidaire Economie
332. Positive Peace Group Cameroon
333. PowerShift
334. PPSS (Anti-POSCO People's Movement)
335. Pro Ethical Trade Finland
336. Pro Natura – Friends of the Earth Switzerland
337. Project on Organizing, development and Research. PODER
338. Protection International
339. Public Eye
340. RACDES
341. Radha Paudel Foundation, Nepal
342. Reacción Climática
343. RED DE AMBIENTALISTAS COMUNITARIOS DE EL SALVADOR. RACDES
344. Red de Educación Popular entre Mujeres (REPEM –LAC)
345. Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres America Latina y Caribe REPEM
346. Red de Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario - REDES
347. Red Iglesias y Minería
348. Red Internacional de Derechos Humanos (RIDH)
349. Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio
350. Red Nacional de Agricultura Familiar

351. red sevilla x el clima
352. REDES-Amigos de la Tierra Uruguay
353. Regional Centre for International Development Cooperation (RCIDC)
354. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
355. Repórter Brasil
356. Research Group on Private International Law and Human Rights
357. Réseau Genre et Droits de la Femme (GEDROFE), République Démocratique du Congo
358. Réseau International des Droits Humain RIDH
359. Rural Community Development Organisation, Malawi
360. Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN)
361. Sahabat Alam Malaysia
362. Sanctus Initiative for Human Development and Values Sustainability (SIHDEVAS)
363. Seminario Sindical Sociedad, Ciencia y Ecología
364. Servicios Ecumenicos para la Reconstruccion y Reconciliacion (SERR), USA
365. SETEM MCM
366. Share The World's Resources
367. Sherpa
368. Sindicato dos Bancários de Santa Cruz do Sul e Região
369. Sisters of Charity Federation
370. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
371. Social Watch
372. Society for Environmental Actions, Reconstruction and Humanitarian Response [SEARCH], Pakistan
373. Society for International Development (SID)
374. Society for Threatened Peoples Switzerland
375. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
376. Solidar Suisse
377. Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity for Human Rights)
378. Solidarity Sweden Latin - America
379. Solifonds
380. SOMO (Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations)
381. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) Uganda
382. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) Uganda
383. Spanish Development NGO Platform
384. Spirit in Education Movement (SEM)
385. Stamp Out Poverty
386. Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)
387. SUDS
388. SÜDWIND e.V., Germany
389. Swiss Apartheid Dept and Reparations Campaign ADR
390. Swiss Working Group on Colombia ask!
391. Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)
392. Terra Mater
393. The Bretton Woods Project, UK
394. The Democracy Center
395. The Honduras Forum Switzerland
396. The Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research (PODER)
397. The Temple of Understanding
398. Third World Network
399. Tonga Leitis Association
400. ToxicsWatch Alliance (TWA)

401. TransFair e.V. - Fairtrade Germany
402. Transnational Institute (TNI)
403. Trocaire
404. Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
405. Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability (UCCA)
406. Unanima International
407. Union of Indigenous Yagé Medics of the Colombian Amazon (UMIYAC)
408. Unión Sindical Obrera (USO), Spain
409. UNITAS BOLIVIA
410. United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY)
411. Universal Rights Network
412. Urgenci International Community Supported Agriculture Network
413. Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF)
414. Verband Entwicklungspolitik Niedersachsen
415. VHUE e.V. (Verein zur Hilfe umweltbedingt Erkrankter)
416. VIVAT International
417. Waaï Youth for Sexual and Reproductive Health
418. WALHI (Indonesian forum for the Environment)
419. War on Want
420. WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development e.V.
421. Welthungerhilfe
422. Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V.
423. Wirajhkocho grupo de acción y reflexión rural. Argentina
424. Women In Development Europe (WIDE+)
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426. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF)
427. Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN)
428. World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPALM)
429. World March of Women
430. World Rainforest Movement
431. WSM-World Solidarity
432. ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System
433. Zimbabwe United Nations Association (ZUNA)

Additional signatures will follow.