

Reports of NGO observers to COP 2016

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General Information

- 1) Please indicate if your organization would like to retain it's status as observer to the Conference of the Parties
Yes
- 2) Does your organizations mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?
No
- 3) If yes, please specify:
MISSION: STOP CORPORATE ABUSE We are committed to stopping life-threatening abuses by global corporations and increasing

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their accountability to public institutions and people around the world. As global corporations have grown richer and more powerful than many nations, they increasingly operate without limits on their power or influence. Around the world, global corporations drive government policies, unchecked by strong global policies to protect public health, human rights and the environment.

4) Does your organization have regional branches to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?
Yes

5) If yes, please provide details:
We chair the Network for Accountability of Tobacco Transnationals (NATT), a broad coalition that exposes tobacco industry attempts to interfere in the WHO FCTC process and advances Article 5.3 of the treaty. As NATT's Secretariat, Corporate Accountability International collaborates most closely with the other organizations on the NATT Steering Committee: Article 5.3 Latin America Working Group (Colombia),

Asha Parivar (India), Consumer Information Network (Kenya), Environmental Rights Action (Nigeria), HealthJustice Philippines, Vision for Alternative Development (Ghana), and Zambia Consumers Association. And our campaign activity extends beyond the steering committee to organizations in countries where the tobacco industry is actively undermining the treaty. The most recent organizations to join NATT have been in Eastern Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia. These are all target regions for tobacco industry expansion.

In 2005, we hired a Latin America Coordinator based in Colombia, deepening our capacity to organize and monitor industry activity throughout that region. Our Latin America office in Bogotá oversees a network of organizations in Latin America that is focused on exposing tobacco industry interference, advancing Article 5.3, and securing tobacco control policies in Colombia.

6) Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?
Yes

7) If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?
Yes

8) If yes, please provide details:
We convene meetings relevant to each of our campaign areas, including tobacco. At the minimum, we hold in-person meetings with the members of the NATT Steering Committee annually, convene meetings specific to tobacco control annually in Latin America, and organize NATT members biannually before COPs.

Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

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1) Please indicate the meetings organized by the Convention Secretariat at which your organization was represented (sessions of the Conference of the Parties, meetings of intersessional groups, NGO meetings, etc.):

Title and date

From the beginning of the FCTC process, Corporate Accountability International and NATT participated in each of the negotiation milestones: Public Hearings on the WHO FCTC, all of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Bodies (INBs), two Working Group meetings, all six COPs, and more than one dozen WHAs.

Since COP6:

Article 5.3 expert group meeting - 23-25 Nov, 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

2) Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization:

Title and date

Since COP6:

16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health - March 2015, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Taller Regional de Enfermedades No Transmisibles (ENT) - Fortaleciendo la Respuesta de la Sociedad Civil, June 2015, Panama City, Panama

Latin America Article 5.3 working group regional meeting - September 2015, Bogota, Colombia

Union Article 5.3 Regional Workshop - November 4-6, 2015, Bogota, Colombia

FCTC Article 5.3 expert group meeting convened by the FCTC Secretariat, sponsored by Thai Health - November 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Regional Workshop on Good Governance in Tobacco Control: Implementing WHO FCTC Article 5.3 in ASEAN Region - 14-15 Dec, 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC:

Has your organization conducted any work/activity in relation to the following provisions of the WHO FCTC?

1) Article 5 (General obligations)?

Yes

2) If yes, please provide details:

Corporate Accountability International continues to play a lead role in advancing the implementation of Article 5.3 of the FCTC. We participated in the drafting of the Guidelines adopted in 2008. More recently we worked with Thailand, the Philippines, and SEATCA to advance the Article 5.3 decision at

COP6 and participated in the expert group meeting on Article 5.3 that met in December 2015 in Bangkok. We were also contracted by the Secretariat to co-author the report that served as the background document for the meeting of experts and will be presented to Parties at the seventh Conference of the Parties (COP7) in November in New Delhi.

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We are also a leading organization supporting governments and civil society to advance national level implementation of Article 5.3 through providing direct support as well as advocacy and technical capacity building. In 2013, we hosted a

workshop in Lucknow, India with local government and civil society. Over the past two years we have actively supported WHO TFI's efforts to organize workshops with governments on Article 5.3 implementation through ensuring civil society organizations participated and were set up to support their governments to monitor the tobacco industry and advance Article 5.3. We coordinate with NATT members on national implementation and enforcement campaigns. And we chair the Article 5.3 Task Force within the Framework Convention Alliance (FCA), which is an information and strategy-sharing committee within FCA made up of civil society organizations supporting implementation of Article 5.3 and its Guidelines.

Finally, we monitor advances in Article 5.3 globally, which we have compiled in our report, the Roadmap to Protecting Health from Big Tobacco. We also provide our monitoring to governments and civil society organizations upon request.

3) Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?
Yes

4) If yes, please provide details:
Through our tobacco industry monitoring, we discovered that the International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) intended to carry out a meeting for Finance Ministers in Moscow days before COP6 in an attempt to thwart the adoption of the Article 6 guidelines. We worked with civil society partners to secure media that exposed this meeting and to engage the Secretariat to encourage Parties not to attend the meeting, all of which ultimately supported the unanimous adoption of the Article 6 guidelines.

We also supported NATT partners to hold events for World No Tobacco Day 2014 focused on Article 6.

5) Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?
No

6) If yes, please provide details:

7) Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?
No

8) If yes, please provide details:

9) Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?
No

10) If yes, please provide details:

11) Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?

Yes

12) If yes, please provide details:

Corporate Accountability International and NATT carry out regular education and raise public awareness about tobacco control, tobacco industry interference, and Article 5.3 through media, social media, trainings, and workshops. Examples of this awareness-raising include coordinating with partners throughout the Global South to carry out events on World No Tobacco Day, participating actively in the World Conferences on Tobacco or Health, engaging our two hundred thousand members to take action challenging tobacco industry interference through email and social media, and raising awareness of tobacco industry interference in the media.

13) Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?

Yes

14) If yes, please provide details:

We supported NATT partners to hold more than 20 events for World No Tobacco Day 2013 focused on tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship (TAPS). We also coordinated with the Tobacco-Free Initiative to promote the event and spoke at the Geneva event on 31 May, 2013. We supported the adoption of

Colombia's TAPS ban, the strongest in Latin America when it was passed. In 2012, the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use also gave the organization an Award for Global Tobacco Control, recognizing the organization's campaign in Colombia to fully implement and enforce Colombia's TAPS ban. Moreover, we are carrying out a project with organizations in Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil devoted to strengthening point-of-sale ad bans in Latin America.

15) Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation)?

No

16) If yes, please provide details:

17) Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?

No

18) If yes, please provide details:

19) Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?

No

20) If yes, please provide details:

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21) Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?

No

22) If yes, please provide details:

23) Article 19 (Liability)?

Yes

24) If yes, please provide details:

Corporate Accountability International has provided research, technical, and advocacy support to the Secretariat and Parties

to advance Article 19 since its inception. We recently increased our activities around Article 19, starting at COP4. We have supported Parties to maximize the expert groups established by decisions at COPs 5 and 6. Corporate Accountability International is an official NGO observer to the Article 19 expert group. We sent a representative to the first two meetings of the expert group developed at COP5, and we have been nominated to participate as an observer in the upcoming expert group established by the decision at COP6.

25) Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?

Yes

26) If yes, please provide details:

Corporate Accountability International has monitored the activities of the tobacco industry through many channels, including the news, industry journals, and industry websites. We disseminate summaries of significant developments to key members of the tobacco control community through weekly news digests. We have also drafted, at the FCTC Secretariat's request, a report on the tobacco industry's engagement of key international organizations in order to undermine the FCTC and its implementation. This served as the background document for the November meeting of experts on Article 5.3 in Thailand and will be presented to COP7 in New Delhi, India.

27) Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?

No

28) If yes, please provide details:

Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

1) Please provide any other relevant information:

- 2) Please attach any other relevant file(s)
Corporate Accountability International WHO Joint Workplan
FINAL 2014-2016.pdf

Declarations

1) Please confirm that your organization does not receive, has not received and will not receive in the future, either directly or indirectly, any financial or other contributions or assistance from the tobacco industry or its affiliates. Please also confirm that neither your members nor your partners are affiliated directly or indirectly with the tobacco industry or its affiliates or those furthering the interests of the tobacco industry.

Yes

2) By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.

Signature by head of organization and date
Patti Lynn, 29 January 2016

3) Please confirm that the activities of your organization are in conformity with the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

Yes