



## **URGENT CALL TO SUPPORT THE BINDING TREATY ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE 9TH SESSION**

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As members of the Global Interparliamentary Network (GIN) with seven delegates present: from the Colombian Parliament, Alirio Uribe Muñoz and Karmen Ramírez Boscán; from the European Parliament, Miguel Urbán and Helmut Scholz; from National Assembly of Zambia, Sydney Mushanga; from Parliament of Uruguay, Lilian Galán; and from Parliament of Guatemala Sonia Gutiérrez, in the 9th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and other companies with respect to human rights, we urgently call on all UN Member countries to support the process of the Binding Treaty on Transnationals Business and Human Rights.

Likewise, we request countries to approve the agreed issues and to resolve the open issues. We urge States, regional organizations, and the international community to actively participate in this process to achieve an effective and legally binding international instrument on transnational companies, in order to avoid corporate impunity and prioritize the primacy of International Human Rights law over trade and investment agreements.

It is important to remember that the objective of this Binding Treaty is to put an end to the existing global legal deficiencies and guarantee that transnational companies are held accountable and stop the impunity that occurs at global and local levels directly or indirectly with their affiliated companies and subsidiaries, who must respond for acts that threaten the violation of the rights of people, indigenous peoples and local communities, territories and the environment.

Faced with the challenges that the planet is experiencing and the imminent threat to life in all its expressions, a Binding Treaty is urgently required to help balance the unfair consequences of unregulated globalization, which has generated asymmetries of power between States, community victims, individuals and transnational companies. A treaty that guarantees access to justice, the protection of human rights and comprehensive reparation to victims and affected communities.

We hope that the 9th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and other businesses with respect to human rights, which is taking place from October 23 to 27 in Geneva – Switzerland, will advance effectively and with the active participation of all States so that the Binding Treaty on Transnational Companies and Human Rights becomes a reality and we manage to put an end to corporate impunity.

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