

## Role of transnational corporations and the right to health

Civil society open debate, 18 October 2018, 16-18 hrs

Tent of the Global Campaign at UN Square, Geneva

From 13-20 October 2018, the fourth Session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group to draft a binding treaty to regulate multinationals and other businesses will be held in Geneva. Since the approval of the resolution by the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in 2014, the mobilization of organizations and social movements around this process has expanded greatly, and another week of people's mobilization will take place in Geneva during the Session.

As determined in the last session, the President of the Working Group will present the recently published Zero Draft of the UN Binding Treaty for discussion. Therefore, all those in favor of the adoption of a binding treaty will give continuity to the engagement in Geneva, highlighting the role of companies in the violation of rights.

To collaborate with the mobilization, health movements, international NGOs and health experts have come together to denounce how transnational corporations have been for violations of the right to health.



Building on a health workshop held during the 2017 week of people's mobilization, ABIA/GTPI, People's Health Movement, TNI and G2H2 propose an open civil society debate on the role of companies in undermining the health of populations and communities.

*This event aims to show the work of organizations fighting human rights violations by TNCs and to support the development of binding instrument, by analyzing if the Zero Draft provides or not tools to face those violations committed by TNCs.*

PANEL 1 | **Cases of TNC's violations of the right to health:** Alessia Bigi (IBFAN/GIFA), The case of baby food companies (tbc); Representative of PHM, The privatization of health systems; Marcela Vieira (GTPI/ABIA), Pharmaceutical companies, patents and right to health  
Moderator: Flavio Valente

PANEL 2 | **The Zero Draft of the UN Binding Treaty and its ability to answer human rights violations by TNCs:** Gonzalo Berrón (TNI), The way towards a binding treaty: limits and perspectives; Manoela Roland (HOMA), How can the draft zero answer to right to health violations; Daniel Uribe (Southe Center), Are the provisions currently proposed by the Zero Draft enough to respond to Right to Health violations by TNCs  
Moderator: Pedro Villardi

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