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**Human Rights Groups Call for Government to Support Treaty That Protects People from Corporate Human Rights Abuses**

**(PRESS STATEMENT)**

**[Date]**

[*Name of your organization(s)*] today call on the national Government to support efforts to protect human rights from corporate abuse by supporting efforts at the UN this October 23-27 to begin developing a new international treaty on business and human rights.

Between October 23-27 this year, countries from around the world will come together in Geneva for the third meeting of a new UN Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) responsible for developing a new international treaty to protect human rights from corporate human rights abuses. This new IGWG was created by [Resolution 26/9](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/26/9) of the UN Human Rights Council in June 2014.

[“*Insert a quote here from a senior respected person from your country about why a treaty would help at the national level in your country - Maybe make the quote refer to some well-known cases of corporate abuse human rights in your country and therefore further protection is needed*”] **said [*insert name of the person who made the quote*], [*position title of the person who made the quote – i.e. Director of xx, xx former Supreme Court Justice, Senator XX, etc*].**

These calls for a new treaty are part of an international [Treaty Alliance](http://www.treatymovement.com/) formed to prevent corporate human rights abuses and strengthen the system of international human rights law. Calls for states to engage in the process to develop a new treaty which protects all human rights from abuses by transnational corporations and other business enterprises has been signed by more than three thousand organisations and individuals around the world since 2014.

The Treaty Alliance is calling for a treaty that would have countries monitor and regulate corporations under their control, provide access to justice and accountability for those impacted by corporate human rights abuses, as well as develop an international mechanism that can hold corporations legally accountable. The Treaty Alliance is also calling on states to ensure corporations do not have undue influence over the treaty process, or national level policy and legislative processes, where they have a clear conflict of interest.

You can add in other quotes from other supporters in your country with sentiments such as:

**“We need investment and development in our country, but not at the expense of the well-being and human rights of our citizens” said XX.**

**Or “Like all respectful citizens of society, corporations have responsibilities to make sure they do not violate the human rights of people in society, and when they do they must be held accountable either in this country or abroad”.**

Include here some reference to the work your organization(s) have done documenting corporate human rights related issues. Maybe include a web link to some online resources.

Support for this international initiative by the national Government would show strong leadership and appropriate concern for the population, making sure our country attracts the most responsible investors, promotes sustainable development while ensuring their activities respect the rights of our people.

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