



## **Open letter to the Uruguayan President and Government:**

The Framework Convention Alliance (FCA), an international network of 400 organisations representing civil society's voice in the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the first global public health treaty, expresses its appreciation to the Uruguayan Government and State for the successful completion of the Fourth Conference of the Parties to the FCTC.

Uruguay is one of the countries that has made the most progress in implementing this global treaty, and has been recognised at the international level for its leadership.

We want to once again congratulate Uruguay for its courage in confronting the threat from the Philip Morris International tobacco company.

The Government of Uruguay is demonstrating the priority it places on public health, and not only defending the health of its own population, but by defending its sovereign right, it is setting an example for the rest of the world.

We will continue to support the Uruguayan Government and State in the face of this challenge, and we will place all the technical experience we have gained around the world at its disposal.

We will also continue to be watchful for any other attempts by the tobacco industry to interfere by undermining Uruguay's tobacco control policies.