

Policy Brief: ILO should end cooperation with Tobacco Industry
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Key points

- Tobacco industry CSR activities undermine progress on health and development and stifle the ability of workers in the sector to express their freedom to associate and collectively bargain;
- International Labour Organization's (ILO) continued engagement with the tobacco industry via its funding relationship with the Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Foundation (ECLT) undermines its efforts to improve working conditions for workers around the world;
- ILO should discontinue its engagement with the tobacco industry and its reliance on industry funding, and should take steps to implement the UN model policy to prevent tobacco industry interference.

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