

Centre for Constitutional Rights: Article 6

We strongly support the recommendation by Palestine for paragraph 6.4 d bis.

On paragraph 6.8, we also support the position of Palestine, particularly the evolution for this third draft of the text through the insertion of the word 'any' to this provision.

In doing so we note the strong connection between human rights violations and undermining of the independent authority of nation states to make law and policy decisions by corporations. As one strong example of this we recall the many mentions by states and civil society organizations in many of this Working Group's sessions of the serious violation of the right to health arising from tobacco corporations' interference in state policy and law making. Another present example is the undermining of passing into the law the US Biden Administration's climate agenda in part due to the earnings being made by the family members of a key US Senator from stocks held in coal corporations.

Finally, a general concern we would like to convey to the Chair and this Working Group is the threat to the process itself from corporate influence, as we have already seen some years ago when some corporate representatives still involved in this process threatened states in this room with divestment if they stayed active in the Working Group. For this reason we would welcome the Chair elaborating a set of safeguards for the process from corporate influence in the intersessional period.