

Administration Guideline on Sponsorship Programme

On behalf of (names of states), we wish to call your attention to the current ATT sponsorship programme which limits access to States and regional organizations. We recognize the significant contributions that civil society continue to provide states in the ATT process. We therefore would like to request the President of CSP5 and the Management Committee to reconsider the ATT Sponsorship document which hinders the assured participation and representation of NGOs in treaty related meetings where resolutions are made that have a significant effect on the national efforts of states parties.

Mr. President, leaving the NGOs out of the ATT Sponsorship program undermines civil society and their advocacy on the universalization and the implementation of the treaty around the world. We therefore recommend to preserve the previous CSP arrangements, where NGOs are eligible to apply for sponsorship alongside States and regional organizations.

We reiterate our commitment to support the universal adoption and implementation of the ATT, and we believe that civil society presence, that promotes participation of the broadest range of actors in the meetings will support the universalization efforts.