



# Take Action for Women's Rights on 8th of March: Support the #BindingTreaty to End Corporate Human Rights Abuse!

The International Women's Day is firmly rooted in the struggles of women garment workers, protesting for better working conditions. One century later, women worldwide are still suffering from corporate human rights abuse:



- › Lowest wages
- › Most precarious working environments
- › Massive violations of labour rights and sexual and gender-based violence at work
- › Unpaid care work increased as a result of corporate human rights abuse
- › Forced displacements and land-grabbing due to corporate projects have disproportionate impacts on women and girls
- › Environmental pollution has specific impacts on women and girls' health
- › Militarization of corporate projects expose women and girls to insecurity and sexual and gender-based violence by public and private security forces
- › Women are often excluded from consultations and decision-making on corporate projects impacting the future of their lands, livelihoods and communities
- › Women Human rights Defenders challenging corporate impunity face gendered forms of repressions and violence

...and along with these and many other forms of corporate human rights abuse, women face greater obstacles in accessing redress and justice.

Corporate impunity for human rights violations is enabled by regulatory gaps in national and international laws, compounded with corporate capture and the vast political and economic power of corporations, which often surpasses that of States. The revenues of the 3 largest transnational corporations exceed the gross domestic product of 110 countries.

All this power without accountability? The time for an international legally binding instrument is now.

On this International Women's Day, we celebrate the International Women's Strike and call upon all Member States to constructively engage in the ongoing process to elaborate **an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.**

We urge Member States committed to women's rights and gender equality, to ensure that the future instrument is thoroughly gender-responsive and to recognize corporate abuse as a women's rights priority.

*We invite feminist movements, women's rights organizations, and allies, to join us!*

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