PEOPLES MOBILIZATIONS on the First Meeting of States on obligations to TNCs on Human Rights

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Launch of
People’s Mobilizations at the
Place des Nations: Towards a UN
Treaty on Transnational Corporations
Joint entry to the UN

UN TNC Treaty
Negotiations start
Treaty Alliance
members side events
Treaty negotiations continue

Breakfast in front of Australian mission
(TISA mobilizations)
Public debate on alternatives for justice:
Ecocide and the Rights of Affected People
Public debate on alternatives for justice: Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal and Peoples’ Treaty

Treaty negotiations continue
Side event on Environmental
Crimes and Systemic
Human Rights
Violations by TNCs (FoEI)
Side events

Public event on issues related to oil companies

March departing from Place des Nations
Public event (information on TISA and the UN treaty) followed by dinner and music (from 9pm on)

Session on Extraterritorial obligations and public control on TNCs
(T France, Switzerland
and Catalan initiatives)

Session about Pinocchio Awards
Paris COP special edition

Preparatory meetings

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Join us in the Peoples Mobilizations for a UN TNC Treaty inside and outside the UNHRC!

The need for greater control over TNCs has never been more critical. Everywhere in the planet, the advance of TNCs over the commons and territories through a global resource grab offense has repeatedly largely on human rights violations and the certainly of impunity inherent to corporate operations. Furthermore, processes of corporate capture of the public interest are visible in the UN – where TNCs have infiltrated the climate negotiations and many other processes – and in several bilateral trade agreements negotiations, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Transpacific Trade Partnership (TPP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA), all of which seek to consolidate and deepen corporate power.

The recent history of this process
In June 2014, social movements and organizations from all over the world gathered in Geneva to denounce these processes, to demand action to justice and to press the UNHRC to establish a legally binding instrument to enforce rules on TNCs regarding human rights. As a result of concerted efforts and pressure by more than 600 social movements and organizations, twenty country members of the UNHRC, representing nearly 3.8 billion people, voted to create an intergovernmental working group (IGWG) to begin the process of negotiation for a UN Treaty on TNCs. While the resolution just completed its first anniversary, people have been demanding such a binding instrument within the UN for decades. Now, its time has come.

Who we are
The Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity (stopcorporateimpunity.org) – a coalition of 190 social movements, networks and organizations from all over the world – in partnership with the Treaty Alliance (treatymovement.com) and Swiss movements are organizing a week of activities in Geneva to give visibility to peoples and human right defenders resisting corporate violations and crimes worldwide, as well as to show the member states of the UNHRC that there is a broad base of support for the process to build this Treaty.

What we do
The Peoples Mobilization coincides with the first meeting of the intergovernmental working group that will negotiating the contents of a UN TNC Treaty. One year after the historic vote, social movements return to Geneva from 6 to 10 July 2015 for mobilizations to show UNHRC member states and the world that people will continue to press governments to keep the process of building this treaty moving forward.

The inside dimension of the mobilizations consists of a series of activities in the Palais des Nations, including side events and press conferences, in addition to following negotiations closely and direct advocacy to member states to ensure that they hear the voices of impacted communities loud and clear.

The outside mobilizations will occupy the square of the broken chair in front of the Palais des Nations.

The Peoples Mobilization will also take place at the same time as social movements are countering the TISA negotiations occurring in Geneva and as the Alternativa (www.alternativa.eu) movements for climate justice arrive in the city.

These mobilizations will be interconnected.