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Young people and future generations have the right to grow up in a tobacco-free world

The United Nations Summit of the Future and its planned outcome, the Pact for the Future is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to take cooperation within the United Nations to a new level.

It aims to unite all Member States behind a new common agenda that they are committed to continuously and consistently achieving. This agenda will stand on the shoulders of giants and take the world a big step forward. It should be built on the various United Nations human rights treaties, the SDGs, and global agreements that accelerate the achievement of the highest attainable standard of health, such as the NCD Global Action Plan and the WHO FCTC.

The practices and products of the tobacco industry negatively impact present and future generations along the entire product cycle, from tobacco growing and manufacturing to marketing, use and consumer waste. Tobacco is the only commercially available product that kills when used exactly as intended by the manufacturer. As a result, 8 million people die every year around the world, including 1.3 million who are killed by second-hand smoke¹.

Tobacco products are the world's largest preventable cause of death. Tobacco has a negative impact on each of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and is a preventable cause of violations of numerous human rights such as the right to health and the right to a healthy environment.

Tobacco has a significant negative environmental impact costing the world 600 million trees, 200,000 hectares of land, 2 billion tonnes of water and the unwelcome production of 8 billion tonnes of CO₂ and 4.5 trillion cigarette butts in litter².

In addition, tobacco infringes on the rights of vulnerable populations, as exemplified by the rampant presence of child labour in the tobacco industry. In addition, around 80% of the 1.3 billion tobacco users worldwide live in low and middle income countries, where the burden of tobacco-related illness and death is heaviest³.

¹ <https://www.who.int/newsroom/factsheets/detail/tobacco>.

² <https://www.medicusmundi.ch/en/advocacy/publications/bulletin/fighting-tobacco-in-lmic/einleitung/sustainable-development-or-tobacco-17-shades>.

³ <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/1305184?ln=en>.

⁴ <https://www.who.int/news/item/30-05-2022-who-raises-alarm-on-tobacco-industry-environmental-impact>.

⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/25/reveals-child-labor-rampant-in-tobacco-industry#:~:text=The%20Guardian's%20investigation%20found%3A,is%20sold%20after%20the%20harvest>.

⁶ <https://www.who.int/newsroom/factsheets/detail/tobacco>.

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