



Framework Convention on Tobacco

INB4

NGO Intervention - World Heart Federation Guiding Principle D5 - Health / Trade

The World Heart Federation, with the endorsement of the International Union Against Cancer and the Commonwealth Medical Association, appreciates the opportunity to speak to guiding principle D5. In the interests of saving time I will abbreviate my statement.

Mr. Chair, options 2 and 3 currently listed under D5, which suggest that public health should be subordinated to commercial interests, should be deleted. These options would open the door for the tobacco industry to utilise the intellectual property rules contained in some international agreements to legally challenge some domestic tobacco control efforts.

In sum, we endorse the text introduced at INB2 by Thailand and Oman as the best option for D5.

Thank you Mr. Chair