



INEP POLICY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL PROHIBITIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIONS WITH TOBACCO INDUSTRY AND ITS AFFILIATES

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OBSERVING the following, we of the International Network of Epidemiology in Policy (INEP) recognize that:

- The international tobacco industry has longstanding, continued and thoroughly documented practices of working to undermine public health protections relating to its commercial products, such as tobacco and most recently novel nicotine and tobacco products (e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products);
- The WHO has firmly called on governments and public health organizations not to engage or collaborate with the tobacco industry or organisations funded by the tobacco industry, such as the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World which is funded by Philip Morris International;
- The WHO also states that *any* collaboration by the 181 countries, that have ratified the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, with organizations funded by the tobacco industry would constitute a clear breach of Article 5.3 of the Convention; and
- As international consortium of epidemiology societies and associations, we affirm that INEP strives to develop policies informed by the ethical and transparent translation of high-quality epidemiological evidence to protect the health of communities and people.

THEREFORE, The International Network of Epidemiology in Policy (INEP) strongly supports the positions of the WHO, that public health practitioners, organizations and all communities we serve shall not engage or collaborate or seek or accept support from with the tobacco industry or organizations funded by or affiliated with the tobacco industry.

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