Assessing the impact of trade and investment treaties on public health in particular tobacco control.

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This study intends to assess the impact of trade and investment treaties on public health obligations under national and international tobacco control laws. In particular it is envisaged to gauge the feasibility of implementing stronger tobacco control measures, including plain packaging, in India and assess the opportunities and barriers for such a tobacco control policy and to understand the process and impact of such an intervention.

Information collected here shall be strictly confidential and will be used only for the purposes of this study. The information collected will be used as part of a research thesis and for developing policy brief on the subject matter that may feed to larger stakeholder consultations in the country on the subject matter.
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The information will be used only for the above said purposes and individual’s identity will not be revealed in any of the publications or deliberations resulting from this study.

Questions

1. In your opinion what should be the basic parameters that each and every trade and investment treaty must comply with (constitutional, human rights, health, legal social, environmental etc.). According to you, which of those parameters are actually applied in real treaty negotiations

2. In your opinion what should be the basic non-negotiable parameters while considering a trade and investment treaty

3. Could you share information on some of the important national and international legal instruments/obligations under which such negotiations take place in your country (Constitution, other legislation and treaties)

4. Do you think trade and investment agreements have any bearing on public health

5. In your experience, are there any public health concerns that figure in such negotiations
6. How is any inconsistency between two different treaties are/should be removed, bargained or harmonised

7. Do you think by honouring or taking steps to protect public health will adversely affect trade and investment interest (expressly mentioned in such agreements or under domestic laws or it does not make economic sense)

8. Do you think, India or any other country should be deterred by the WTO challenge to Australian decision, if there is no other barrier to such policy decision

9. Will mandating a Health Impact Assessment help resolving any apparent, expected or unforeseen conflicts between public health and trade interests (please elaborate your opinion). How feasible in your opinion will it be to make public health impact assessment of trade and investment treaties mandatory

10. What would be your position on keeping tobacco out of the purview of trade and investment agreements