

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NETHERLANDS



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Dutch corporate links to
human rights violations and
environmental damage

Recommendations – Business & Human Rights

- 1) Implement, monitor and enforce Dutch mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation at least in line with the UNGPs *and* the OECD Guidelines.
- 1) Design mandatory *independent* human rights and environmental impact assessments and make them part of aforementioned legislation.

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Climate change and Human Rights

Recommendations

Climate & Human Rights

- 1) Ensure all companies are legally obliged to set concrete climate plans of action to bring their activities in line with the Paris Agreement and specify criteria for corporate emission reduction targets in their entire value chain in absolute percentages.
- 1) Ensure climate impact is part of aforementioned Dutch due diligence legislation, the EU Directive Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and the UN Binding Treaty for transnational companies and human rights.

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Access to justice and remedy

Recommendations

Access to justice and remedy

1. Ensure enforcement, effective remedies and removal of legal and practical obstacles to hold Dutch companies accountable for violations of human rights and environmental damages resulting from their operations, such as: reversal of the burden of proof, transparency of corporate information, and establishing a fund to support victims.

Thank you

From all the members of our coalition:

- ❑ Milieudefensie (Friends of the Earth Netherlands)
- ❑ IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands
- ❑ Stand up For Your Rights