IBFAN Statement to WHO’s 150th Executive Board Meeting

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Involvement of non-State actors in WHO’s governing bodies

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Mandatory joint statements meant that for the first time IBFAN made no intervention on the International Code during an important reporting year.

Allowing our statement to be moderated by those who may or may not share our aims, would have weakened it and blurred the identities of FENSA’s four NSA groups – perhaps this is the aim of Multi-Stakeholder ideology?

WHO’s credibility depends on it having a correct Conflict of Interest Policy. In its absence WHO’s public mandate is in an institutional conflict of interest situation.

The chaos around the statements showed why ‘Economic Actors’ and their front groups that have no democratic accountability and who undermine regulation of corporate malpractice should not be granted Official Relations in WHO’s governing body. The risks for global health are too great. Please correct this. Thank you.