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Brunei Darussalam

Summary of Findings

I. INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The government does not accept, support, or endorse any offer for assistance by or in collaboration with the tobacco industry (TI) or any entity or person working to further its interest in setting or implementing public health policies in relation to tobacco control.

The government does not allow any representatives from the TI in the delegation to the COP or other subsidiary bodies, and it does not accept their sponsorship for delegates.

2. INDUSTRY CSR ACTIVITIES

The government is not allowed to support, form partnership with or receive any contributions from the TI including CSR-related activities or contributions.

3. BENEFITS TO THE INDUSTRY

There is no TI as such in Brunei. No retailers applied for licenses to sell tobacco products. The license costs B\$300 (US\$222) per year. This is a prohibitive measure to discourage sales of tobacco products.

4. UNNECESSARY INTERACTION

Top level government officials do not meet with or foster relations with tobacco companies, and they do not attend any social functions and other events sponsored or organized by tobacco companies.

5. TRANSPARENCY

Any interactions with the TI in cases where such interactions are strictly for regulation, these meetings must be conducted in a transparent manner to avoid any negative impression and conflict of interest. No such interactions were recorded in the period between 1st April 2021 and 30th March 2023.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The government prohibits contributions from the TI. No retired senior government officials form part of the TI, nor hold any positions in the tobacco business.

7. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

A code of conduct issued by the Prime Minister's Office in 2019 and circulated to all civil servants prohibits involvement and interaction with the TI including accepting any offers of assistance, gifts, donations, sponsorship, or supporting of events organized or sponsored by the TI.