

How the UN Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)'s General Recommendation 37 Advances Tobacco Control

HUMAN RIGHTS CONNECTION

Everyone has a right to life and to health

Governments have a **duty to enforce** those rights

Governments therefore have a **duty to protect** their citizens from the tobacco industry and harms from tobacco

Legal remedies are available at the international, regional, and national levels.

ICERD is a government obligation, and provides one path to seek remedies.

182 COUNTRIES HAVE RATIFIED CERD



Country Status

State Party (182) Signatory (3) No Action (12)

Individual communications procedure

Source: <https://indicators.ohchr.org>

**Signing CERD +
Ratifying CERD =
National Law**

CERD has the force of national law, so **General Recommendation 37** will be a **global legal recommendation** to strengthen tobacco control at the national level.