



## UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE PELOTAS

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To the World Health Organization staff,

The Federal University of Pelotas (UFPel) strongly support the re-designation of its research group International Center for Equity in Health, currently CC BRA 84.

The UFPel is a public higher education and research institution. We recognize past collaboration with entities related to tobacco productivity chain, especially with the workers, not the industry, but this collaboration has been finalized in April 2021. This project was part of the Brazilian Federal Government program called *Produção Integrada do Brasil*, which was launched in the early 2000's and coordinated by *Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento* (MAPA). This program was focused on the production of safe food and other agricultural products. According to Prof. Carlos Tillmann, from UFPel, and coordinator of the finished project at institution, the federal program consisted in give more transparency to the production process and capacity strengthening of familiar producers and technicians.

None of the institutional staff, or even the entire institution received any support from the tobacco industry nor engage in activities which further the interests of the tobacco industry. We reaffirm our institution is fully committed to WHO and WHO's policies and norms including the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Our university confirms all the above and is also strongly committed with a tobacco-free environment in overall institution. We emphasize this letter is public, and its authenticity can be visualized in the link provided below, just including the verifying code (*Código verificador*) and the CRC code.

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President



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