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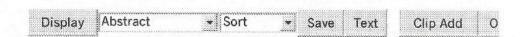
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There seems to be ample agreement that tobacco is an addictive harmful substance. The smoking epidemic is most noticeably affecting third work countries but the developed world despite overoptimistic predictions is sti from safe. Profits derived mainly from tobacco trading in poor countries a being used to target vulnerable groups in more developed countries. The t against smoking in developing countries is hindered by many internal and external factors. The socioeconomic situation is so desperate that governr are prepared to hand over the health of their people as part of payment. So developed countries have consistently applied double standards to dealing harmful drugs, not only ignoring the smoking epidemic affecting less developed countries but also actively protecting and encouraging its sprea The fight against drugs, including smoking, badly needs a real proof of commitment from these countries.

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