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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

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1. Opening of the session

1.1 Election of officers

The Conference is expected to elect its Bureau, consisting of a President and five Vice-Presidents, one of whom will also act as Rapporteur. Each WHO Region will be represented by one Bureau member.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In considering the organization of its work, the Conference may wish to decide to establish two Committees, A and B, working in parallel, to consider items 4, 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda, and, as appropriate, to elaborate draft decisions for consideration by the Conference in plenary. Committee A might be entrusted with work on the substantive issues, namely reporting, elaboration of guidelines and protocols, sources and mechanisms of assistance in meeting the objectives of the Convention, and the programme of work (provisional agenda items 4.5, 5 and 6), and Committee B with work on the procedural and institutional issues, namely the rules of procedure, the arrangements for the secretariat (provisional agenda items 4.1 to 4.4), the financial rules, and the budget.

1.3 General debate (high-level segment)

In this high-level segment of general debate, senior government representatives are encouraged to participate and make a brief statement about the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. For this purpose, a list of speakers will be established. Names of speakers should be communicated to the Director, Department for Governing Bodies and External Relations **by 31 January 2006**. In drawing up the list of speakers, precedence will be given to Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers, in that order. The Conference may wish to set a time limit for each statement on the basis of the number of speakers inscribed on the list of speakers maintained by the interim secretariat.

1.4 Provisional rules of procedure

Pending the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (provisional agenda item 4.1), the Conference may wish to decide to apply provisionally the draft rules of procedure forwarded to it by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. As the Intergovernmental Working Group did not reach consensus on the draft rules that relate to the agenda items for regular sessions of the Conference of the Parties (draft rule 7), observer participation (draft rules 29 and 30), and decision-making (draft rule 49), some parts of these draft rules remain in square brackets. Based on the relevant legal information and explanations, the Conference may wish to decide to apply provisionally those

parts of draft rules 7 and 49 that are not in square brackets, and to apply *mutatis mutandis* the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly on participation of observers.

1.5 Credentials of participants

Details are given in the “Guide for delegates to the Conference of the Parties”. In accordance with Rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure, the Bureau, with the assistance of the interim secretariat, will examine the credentials of the delegates to the Conference and report to the Conference, which will consider the report of the Bureau.

2. Report of the interim Secretariat and status of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

3. Report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

4. Matters identified in the Convention for action by the Conference of the Parties at its first session

4.1 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Article 23 *Conference of the Parties*, paragraph 3)

The Conference may wish to consider and, as appropriate, adopt its Rules of Procedure, on the basis of the draft rules of procedure forwarded to it by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group and annexed to the document.

4.2 Designation of the permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning (Article 24 *Secretariat*, paragraph 1)

The two reports of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group include its proposals and comments on some related issues by the interim Secretariat.

4.3 Adoption of financial rules for the Conference of the Parties, and financial provisions governing the functioning of the secretariat (Article 23 *Conference of the Parties*, paragraph 4, and Article 24 *Secretariat*)

The report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group contains a proposal (paragraph 157) to follow WHO’s Financial Rules and Financial Regulations.

4.4 Adoption of the budget for the first financial period (Article 23 *Conference of the Parties*, paragraph 4)

The report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group includes the proposed budget for the permanent secretariat of the Conference of the Parties for 2006-2007 (Annex 3). The secretariat’s report deals with related questions.

4.5 Review of existing and potential sources and mechanisms of assistance (Article 26 *Financial resources*, paragraph 5)

The report sets out the results of a study conducted by the interim secretariat on existing and potential sources and mechanisms of assistance for tobacco-related activities.

5. Additional matters identified in the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties

5.1 Reporting (Article 21 *Reporting and exchange of information*)

The document, prepared by the interim secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group, contains information on reporting and a possible reporting format that could serve as a basis for the discussions of the Conference of the Parties on this item.

5.2 Elaboration of guidelines for implementation of Article 7 (*Non-price measures to reduce the demand for tobacco*) and Article 9 (*Regulation of the contents of tobacco products*)

The document briefly discusses the nature and purpose of guidelines and sets out possible actions the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider in this context.

5.3 Elaboration of protocols

The document briefly discusses the nature and purpose of a protocol and sets out possible actions the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider in this context.

6. Consideration of a programme of work for the Conference of the Parties

The Conference may wish to consider and, as appropriate, adopt its programme of work for the short and medium terms.

7. Date and venue of the second session of the Conference of the Parties

Bearing in mind Rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, which provides that the sessions of the Conference shall take place at the seat of the secretariat unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise, and Rule 4.2, which provides that, at each regular session, the Conference of the Parties shall decide on the date and duration of the next regular session, the Conference may wish to consider and, as appropriate, to decide on the date, duration and venue for its second session.

8. Closure of the session

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