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ON TOBACCO CONTROL

**Conference of the Parties to the
WHO Framework Convention
on Tobacco Control**

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DECISION

FCTC/COP5(14) Financial resources, mechanisms of assistance and international cooperation for strengthening sustainable implementation of the WHO FCTC

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions FCTC/COP1(13), FCTC/COP2(10) and FCTC/COP4(17) on financial resources, mechanisms of assistance and international cooperation;

Recalling also the Punta del Este Declaration on the implementation of the WHO FCTC (decision FCTC/COP4(5)) in which the Parties to the Convention declared the need to urge the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control to support multisectoral and interagency coordination for the strengthening of the implementation of the Convention within the whole United Nations system;

Having considered the reports of the Convention Secretariat on financial resources and mechanisms of assistance, cooperation with international organizations and bodies, and South–South cooperation for strengthening implementation of the WHO FCTC contained in documents FCTC/COP/5/15, FCTC/COP/5/16, and FCTC/COP/5/17, respectively;

Welcoming the important global developments that have taken place since the previous session of the Conference of the Parties, i.e. the Moscow Declaration adopted by the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control, the Political Declaration adopted by the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, and the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health, which call for comprehensive implementation of the WHO FCTC and recognize the Convention's significant role in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and in the context of social determinants of health;

Noting also the report of the United Nations Secretary-General to the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the resolution adopted by ECOSOC calling for United Nations system-wide coherence on tobacco control (resolution E/2012/L.18);

Noting the progress made on integrating support to implementation of the WHO FCTC into the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) at the country level, which promotes a sustainable and long-term interagency implementation assistance mechanism;

Emphasizing the potential contribution that development partners can make in assisting implementation of the WHO FCTC in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition;

Taking note of the fact that the *2012 global progress report on implementation of the WHO FCTC* reveals that a continuing lack of technical and financial resources is one of the most important obstacles to the full implementation of the Convention;

Taking note of the further development of the Secretariat's database on available resources and its potential contribution to assisting Parties in need in implementing the WHO FCTC;

Recognizing the need for sustainable and predictable resources for implementation of the Convention, including through voluntary assessed contributions, and the importance of such contributions in this regard,

1. DECIDES:

(1) to establish a working group on sustainable measures to strengthen implementation of the WHO FCTC, and to mandate the working group to:

- prepare a report on barriers and successful experiences in mobilizing the range of resources in implementing the WHO FCTC at the country level, including through existing bilateral and multilateral mechanisms of assistance;
- provide recommendations on how resources can be accessed for the WHO FCTC implementation and best practice can be shared;
- provide recommendations to strengthen South–South and triangular cooperation as well as North–South cooperation for implementation of the WHO FCTC, contributing to capacity building in Parties;
- review existing tools and mechanisms of assistance to the Parties to ensure they meet the needs of the Parties;
- identify new tools to support Parties to implement Article 5.2 of the WHO FCTC;
- identify and recommend best practices to access international resources for tobacco control through bilateral and multilateral cooperation and other opportunities in development cooperation;
- examine possibilities of using modern technologies for the exchange of information, cooperation between Parties, and to promote the effective implementation of the WHO FCTC;
- provide recommendations on how to promote the WHO FCTC in wider international fora.

- (2) to request the Convention Secretariat to invite observers under rule 29 of the Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties with specific expertise in these areas to actively participate in the working group;
- (3) to establish initial membership of the working group as follows;¹
- (4) to set 28 February 2013 as the deadline for Parties to announce to the Secretariat their participation as partners or Key Facilitators in the working group;
- (5) to make the necessary arrangements, including budgetary arrangements, for the performance of the work of the working group;

2. FURTHER DECIDES to request the Convention Secretariat to:

- (1) continue to actively work in accordance with Article 24.3(e) of the Convention, in cooperation with relevant departments and offices of WHO, in facilitating support by relevant stakeholders and development partners for implementation of the WHO FCTC to Parties in need;
- (2) continue to mobilize resources required under the Conference of the Parties workplan and to provide support to developing Parties and Parties with economies in transition;
- (3) actively engage with WHO in the convening of annual meetings of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force and contribute to the resulting report of the Secretary-General to the ECOSOC, and continue to engage, as appropriate, with the ECOSOC to further facilitate multisectoral support to Parties in implementation of the WHO FCTC;
- (4) facilitate within its mandate support to Parties in strengthening comprehensive, multisectoral national tobacco-control strategies, plans and programmes as called upon in ECOSOC resolution E/2012/L.18;
- (5) further facilitate mechanisms of assistance under the Convention enumerated in paragraph 23 of document FCTC/COP/5/15, particularly to developing Parties and Parties with economies in transition.

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¹ Membership was not established at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties.