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Letter from Ambassador Celso Amorim, Chair, Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

Co-Chairs' working papers: Inventory of textual proposals made at the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, merged with the Chair's Text

I wish to thank Member States, a regional economic integration organization, and observers for their active participation in the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) on the WHO framework convention on tobacco control. To recall, it was agreed at the final meeting of the session, that the Co-Chairs of the working groups¹ would work with the Secretariat to prepare an edited and consolidated text of all amendments to the Chair's Text of a framework convention on tobacco control,² proposed during the meetings of the working groups at the second session of INB.

I am pleased to report that the "Co-Chairs' working papers: Inventory of textual proposals made at the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, merged with the Chair's Text" – one for each working group – have been completed in a timely manner and are being dispatched well in advance of the third session of INB (22-28 November 2001).³

In preparing the three Co-Chairs' working papers due consideration was given to suggestions by Member States, made during the joint meeting of the working groups (4 May 2001).

The Co-Chair's working papers reflect all written amendments to the Chair's Text set out in the several conference papers, addenda and corrigenda produced for the working groups during and after the second session of INB. These documents are an important tool for facilitating the work of the third

¹ Mr Aiston, Canada; Dr Chitanondh, Thailand; Ambassador Farrell, New Zealand; Professor Girard, France; Mr Seddick, Egypt; Dr Stamps, Zimbabwe.

² Document A/FCTC/INB2/2.

³ Documents A/FCTC/INB3/2(a); A/FCTC/INB3/2(b); and A/FCTC/INB3/2(c).

session of INB, and should be read in conjunction with the various conference papers, addenda and corrigenda and the summary records for the second session. I would urge you to study these documents in preparation for the third session.

I look forward to your active participation in the process of negotiation.



Ambassador Celso Amorim

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