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## **DECISION**

**FCTC/COP6(15) Reporting arrangements and analysis of implementation  
of the WHO FCTC**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling Article 21 of the Convention, which stipulates that “each Party shall submit to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, periodic reports on its implementation of the Convention”;

Further recalling Article 23.5 of the Convention, which stipulates that the COP shall keep under regular review the implementation of the Convention and take the decisions necessary to promote its effective implementation;

Recalling also decision FCTC/COP1(14), which called for an independent assessment of the reporting arrangements;

Having considered the report of the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/COP/6/17 and reflecting upon the views expressed by the Parties during the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;

Recognizing the need to further advance the utilization of information received through Parties’ reports, *inter alia*, for establishing implementation trends and to further strengthen the implementation of the Convention by individual Parties,

DECIDES:

(1) to establish an expert group to review reporting arrangements under the WHO FCTC comprising of three experts per WHO region; in addition, one representative from civil society

per region and one representative from WHO, with specific expertise in the area of the expert group may be invited by the Convention Secretariat;

(2) to invite Parties to nominate members to the expert group, in a manner to be decided by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account appropriate technical representation. Representatives of this expert group shall have one or more of the areas of expertise listed in the Annex to document FCTC/COP/6/17;

(3) to mandate the Bureau, based on an initial screening by the Secretariat, to establish the expert group;

(4) to request the participation of one representative of, and agreed by, the working group on sustainable measures to strengthen the implementation of WHO FCTC in the expert group, bearing in mind the mandate of the working group on sustainable measures, with a view to fostering complementarity between the groups;

(5) to mandate the expert group to:

(a) examine the reporting process and the utilization of data collected, including the global progress report;

(b) propose ways to simplify and streamline the reporting process, with a view to decreasing reporting burdens on Parties, to increase the accuracy and reliability of information received and to further improve user-friendliness of the reporting instrument;

(c) identify additional sources of information and promote the use of such information to further assess the level of implementation of the Convention by the Parties;

(d) identify opportunities for the reporting mechanism to better contribute to identifying and addressing the needs of the Parties and promoting WHO FCTC implementation at country level as well as promoting visibility of the WHO FCTC;

(e) provide recommendations on how the reporting mechanism can further contribute to building understanding of the level of implementation of the Convention and on how the reporting mechanism can serve as a tool to promote compliance by the Parties;

(f) examine various reporting mechanisms of other international treaties, including those that utilize an intergovernmental peer review process, and make recommendations on strengthening the reporting arrangements and on the development of a reporting and implementation review mechanism under the WHO FCTC

(6) to invite WHO to provide technical support to the expert group;

(7) to request the Secretariat to:

(a) make the necessary arrangements, including budgetary provisions, for the expert group to complete its work, using, as much as possible, electronic means of communication;

(b) allocate funds in the work area (4) to carry out, upon request of a Party, an implementation review and inform the Party of its findings in order to improve compliance to the WHO FCTC

(8) to request the expert group to report on the outcome of its work, and make possible recommendations, as appropriate, to the seventh session of the COP.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 18 October 2014)

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