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Agenda item 4.5 Review of existing and potential sources and mechanisms of assistance

Committee A recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the attached decision on financial resources and mechanisms of assistance.

Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the urgent need for all Contracting Parties to implement the Convention to the maximum level;

Recognizing the urgent need for assistance to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to support them in their implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Recognizing also that the level and nature of dedicated funds for tobacco control implementation activities have been difficult to assess, since the amount of resources required and the time when resources are required is currently unknown, and recognizing that these needs require better assessment;

Considering that the mobilization of funding requires detailed needs assessment at country level;

Recognizing also that the provision of resources is contingent on countries actively requesting support in this area and finding donors willing to provide assistance to tobacco control programmes;

Recognizing that existing funding arrangements are in many countries already tied up to other health programmes;

Considering also that Article 26.5(b) of the Convention requires the secretariat to advise developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, upon request, on available sources of funding to facilitate the implementation of their obligations under the Convention;

Considering that Article 26.5(c) requests the Conference of the Parties at its first session to review existing and potential sources and mechanisms of assistance based on a study conducted by the secretariat and other relevant information, and consider their adequacy;

Considering that Article 26.5(d) requests the Conference of the Parties to take into account the results of the study in determining the necessity to enhance existing mechanisms or to establish a voluntary global fund or other appropriate financial mechanisms to channel additional financial resources, as needed, to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to assist them in meeting the objectives of the Convention;

Considering that mainstreaming tobacco control into such mechanisms as country strategies is a medium- to long-term objective, and that there is a need to utilize all appropriate mechanisms to meet immediate objectives and needs;

Considering that these mechanisms of international assistance will supplement increased national resource mobilization by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition;

DECIDES:

- (1) to call upon the World Health Assembly to give full support to the prioritization of resource mobilization for tobacco control at the national and international levels;
- (2) to invite the United Nations Secretary-General to provide a report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, with the aim of adoption of a resolution, on tobacco control and related resource mobilization, by the Economic and Social Council;
- (3) to invite the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control to provide to the Conference of the Parties, at its second session, a report on their activities and possible relevance to increasing accessibility to funding for tobacco control, and an outline of their work in intensifying the United Nations response to tobacco control;
- (4) to strongly encourage all international and regional organizations to support activities related to tobacco control and to acknowledge its role in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, especially those related to poverty reduction, gender empowerment, reduction of child mortality, environmental sustainability and global partnership for development;
- (5) to call upon developed country Parties in accordance with their obligations under the Convention, to provide technical and financial support to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for this purpose, through bilateral, regional, international or nongovernmental channels;
- (6) to strongly encourage relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, international financial institutions and other partners in development to identify tobacco control as eligible for financial support, technical assistance, and advice in the area of tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco, which can be provided to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to help them meet their obligations related to the Convention;
- (7) to call upon developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to conduct needs assessments in the light of their total obligations related to the implementation of all provisions of the Convention and to communicate their prioritized needs to development partners;
- (8) to call upon developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to work on the development of sustainable in-country financing mechanisms for tobacco control;
- (9) to request the secretariat to further develop and continuously update the database on available funding established in the course of the study carried out for the Conference of the Parties at its first session, taking into account the country reports to the Conference of the Parties on these items, and to make it available to Parties to assist them in identifying sources of funding and other resources;
- (10) to request the secretariat to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, upon request, with the conduct of needs assessments, to advise them on existing mechanisms of funding and technical assistance, and to provide information to development partners on the needs identified;

(11) to request the secretariat to receive project proposals from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, related to the implementation of the Convention, and directing these proposals to potential funding sources;

(12) to request the secretariat to promote South to South cooperation in the exchange of scientific, technical and legal expertise, as relevant to the implementation of the Convention;

(13) to urge developed countries, international financial institutions, international organizations and other development partners to channel resources, based on specific requests, to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention, without which full implementation of the Convention will not be achieved;

(14) to request the secretariat to launch an awareness-raising campaign among potential development partners to mobilize financial and technical support for developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to assist them in implementing the Convention.

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