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## Framework convention on tobacco control: report by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

### Report by the Secretariat

1. The second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on the WHO framework convention on tobacco control was held in Geneva from 30 April to 5 May 2001. The meeting was attended by delegates from 157 Member States, an observer from a non-Member State, and representatives from 13 intergovernmental organizations (including one regional economic integration organization) and 27 nongovernmental organizations.
2. As had been suggested by the Chair during the first session in October 2000, a meeting of the members of the Bureau and the co-Chairs of the three working groups was held (27 April 2001), during which a schedule of work for the second session was discussed.
3. At a plenary meeting, chaired by Mr Nunes Amorim, the programme of work was outlined and the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> was adopted. The Director-General stressed the commitment of WHO to facilitate the negotiations and urged delegates to focus on the attainment of public health goals through a strong framework convention.
4. The various activities undertaken by WHO since the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body were outlined.<sup>2</sup> Preparatory sessions on the Chair's text included consultations for the African Region, the South-East Asia Region and the Caribbean. WHO had chaired the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on Tobacco Control, held meetings of the WHO International Consultation on Litigation and Public Inquiries as Public Health Tools for Tobacco Control and the Scientific Advisory Committee on Tobacco Products Regulation, and ran a workshop for international legal experts on international legal liability.
5. The Secretariat reported on steps taken to implement decision EB107(2) of the Executive Board. Two nongovernmental organizations, the International Non-Governmental Coalition Against Tobacco and Infact, were provisionally admitted into official relations with WHO pursuant to that decision.<sup>3</sup> Both bodies sent representatives to the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A/FCTC/INB2/1.

<sup>2</sup> See documents A/FCTC/INB2/4 and A/FCTC/INB2/5 for details.

<sup>3</sup> Documents A/FCTC/INB2/6 and A/FCTC/INB2/6 Add.1.

6. With regard to the drafting and negotiation of the Chair's text,<sup>1</sup> subjects were divided or reassigned between the three working groups in order to deal with those topics that had not been assigned to specific working groups at the first session of the Negotiating Body and to reflect changes in the Chair's text.<sup>2</sup> The Chair proposed that each working group list the terms that might need definition and forward them to the Secretariat for research and compilation.

7. At each working group meeting, discussion of the Chair's text included submission of textual proposals which were compiled into conference papers. The first reading of the Chair's text was completed by Friday, 4 May.

8. At the concluding plenary meeting, it was agreed that a working paper, consisting of textual proposals integrated with the Chair's text (in a manner to reflect the full range of options presented during the session),<sup>3</sup> would form the basic document for consideration at the next session. It was also agreed that proposals for Articles J (Compensation and Liability), Article S (Development of the Convention) and Article T (Final Clauses) of the Chair's text should be submitted at least 60 days before the third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (Geneva, 22-28 November 2001).

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<sup>1</sup> Document A/FCTC/INB2/2.

<sup>2</sup> See documents A54/13 (paragraph 7) and A/FCTC/INB2/DIV/6.

<sup>3</sup> An example of the format of such text is set out in document A/FCTC/INB2/Working Paper No.1.