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## **Implementation of resolutions (progress reports)**

### **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**

#### **Report by the Secretariat**

1. Pursuant to its Article 36, the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control came into force on 27 February 2005, 90 days after the deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The total of 168 signatories and the continuing, rapid increase in the number of Parties (63 as of 22 April 2005) (see Annex)<sup>1</sup> demonstrate the importance attached to the Framework Convention.
2. In its capacity as interim secretariat of the Framework Convention, WHO convened two sessions of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (21-25 June 2004 and 31 January-4 February 2005). That Group agreed the terms of reference for a study by the interim secretariat of existing and potential sources and mechanisms of support. It also finalized recommendations to be submitted to the first session of the Conference of the Parties, scheduled for February 2006, including a model for the permanent secretariat,<sup>2</sup> proposals for financial rules and rules of procedure, and a proposed draft budget for the first financial period of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Since August 2004, in order to provide technical support to Member States in relation to the Convention, WHO has convened several workshops. Participation in the meetings, which included briefings for health officials on practical strategies for capacity building for tobacco control and intersectoral awareness raising, was as follows:

- 12 Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (Dakar, September 2004)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Detailed and updated information is available at: [www.who.int/tobacco/framework/en/](http://www.who.int/tobacco/framework/en/).

<sup>2</sup> See "Options for designation of the permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: principles, diagram and budget", document A/FCTC/IGWG/2/Conf.Paper No.4, issued during the second session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The full report of the second session will be issued later in the year.

<sup>3</sup> Benin, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

- the 10 Member States of ASEAN<sup>1</sup> and China (Hanoi, September 2004); this followed an awareness-raising consultation on trade, tobacco and health for ASEAN Member States (Penang, Malaysia, August 2004), organized by the Regional Office for the Western Pacific
- seven Member States in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (Cairo, December 2004)<sup>2</sup>
- Members and associate members of MERCOSUR (Buenos Aires, April 2005)<sup>3</sup>
- Caribbean Member States (Port of Spain, April 2005)<sup>4</sup>

4. WHO has prepared and disseminated background material on the Framework Convention and on national capacity-building processes for its implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

<sup>2</sup> Djibouti, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan and Tunisia.

<sup>3</sup> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

<sup>4</sup> Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

## ANNEX

**MEMBER STATES (BY REGION) AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION  
ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE SIGNED AND/OR BECOME CONTRACTING  
PARTIES TO THE WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO  
CONTROL (AS OF 8 APRIL 2005)<sup>1</sup>**

Region					
Africa (39)	The Americas (32)	South-East Asia (10)	Europe (43 + European Community)	Eastern Mediterranean (19)	Western Pacific (27)
Algeria Angola Benin <b>Botswana</b> Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroon Cape Verde Central African Republic Chad Comoros Congo Côte d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Ethiopia Gabon Gambia <b>Ghana</b> Guinea <b>Kenya</b> <b>Lesotho</b> Liberia <b>Madagascar</b> Mali Mauritania <b>Mauritius</b> Mozambique Namibia Niger Nigeria Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe <b>Senegal</b> <b>Seychelles</b> <b>South Africa</b> Swaziland Togo Uganda United Republic of Tanzania	Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Bahamas Barbados Belize Bolivia Brazil <b>Canada</b> Chile Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Ecuador El Salvador Grenada Guatemala Haiti <b>Honduras</b> Jamaica <b>Mexico</b> Nicaragua <b>Panama</b> Paraguay <b>Peru</b> Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname <b>Trinidad and Tobago</b> United States of America <b>Uruguay</b> Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	<b>Bangladesh</b> <b>Bhutan</b> Democratic People's Republic of Korea <b>India</b> <b>Maldives</b> <b>Myanmar</b> Nepal <b>Sri Lanka</b> <b>Thailand</b> <b>Timor-Leste</b>	Albania <b>Armenia (a)</b> Austria Belarus Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic <b>Denmark</b> Estonia European Community <b>Finland</b> <b>France (AA)</b> Georgia <b>Germany</b> Greece <b>Hungary</b> <b>Iceland</b> Ireland Israel Italy Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan <b>Latvia</b> <b>Lithuania</b> Luxembourg <b>Malta</b> <b>Netherlands</b> <b>Norway (AA)</b> Poland Portugal Republic of Moldova Romania <b>San Marino</b> Serbia and Montenegro <b>Slovakia</b> <b>Slovenia</b> <b>Spain</b> Sweden Switzerland <b>Turkey</b> Ukraine <b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b>	Afghanistan Djibouti <b>Egypt</b> Iran (Islamic Republic of) Iraq <b>Jordan</b> Kuwait Lebanon Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Morocco <b>Oman (a)</b> <b>Pakistan</b> <b>Qatar</b> Saudi Arabia Sudan <b>Syrian Arab Republic</b> Tunisia United Arab Emirates Yemen	<b>Australia</b> <b>Brunei Darussalam</b> Cambodia China <b>Cook Islands</b> <b>Fiji</b> <b>Japan (A)</b> Kiribati Lao People's Democratic Republic Malaysia <b>Marshall Islands</b> <b>Micronesia (Federated States of)</b> <b>Mongolia</b> <b>Nauru (a)</b> <b>New Zealand</b> Niue <b>Palau</b> Papua New Guinea Philippines Republic of Korea Samoa <b>Singapore</b> <b>Solomon Islands</b> <b>Tonga</b> Tuvalu Vanuatu <b>Viet Nam</b>

<sup>1</sup> Bold typeface indicates Contracting Parties (63 in total) that have already ratified, accepted (A), approved (AA) or acceded to (a) the Framework Convention.