



Report on administrative and financial implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

1. Resolution Outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

2. Linkage to programme budget

Area of work

Tobacco

Expected result

Support provided for reflecting the provisions of the Framework Convention in national tobacco-control policies and plans of action

(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)

The Conference of the Parties decided at its first session that a permanent secretariat of the Convention will be established within WHO at Geneva.

The work of the Convention Secretariat relates to the objectives of the area of work concerning tobacco, as expressed in the Programme budget 2006-2007. In particular, the Convention Secretariat is linked with the expected result mentioned above.

As proposed by the Conference of the Parties, the Convention Secretariat and WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative should complement each other and should work in unison on the implementation of the Convention. In this regard, the core functions of the Tobacco Free Initiative should continue to support both Contracting Parties to the Convention and non-contracting Member States, the latter being encouraged to become Parties to the Convention. Specific technical functions in support of Contracting Parties have been incorporated into the Tobacco Free Initiative's workplan for 2006-2007.

3. Financial implications

(a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the "life-cycle" of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) No cost to WHO

(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) No cost to WHO

(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? Not applicable. The Conference of the Parties adopted by consensus the budget and workplan for the Convention Secretariat for the period 2006-2007. The budget of US\$ 8 010 000 is financed entirely from a schedule of voluntary assessed contributions from Parties to the Convention. Specifically, contributions are determined according to an accepted rate of assessment; however, because the text of the Framework Convention does not contain an obligation for Contracting Parties to contribute, all contributions must be voluntary. In so far as the budget adopted by the Conference is inclusive of all administrative fees, none of the funds necessary to support the Convention Secretariat will come from WHO's budget, making the resolution cost neutral.

4. Administrative implications

- (a) **Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken and identify the specific regions where relevant)** WHO headquarters in Geneva
- (b) **Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile)** Staffing costs are covered entirely by the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties. There will be no implications for WHO's budget.
- (c) **Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation)** The work programme for the Convention Secretariat will be evaluated regularly by the Conference of the Parties.

The Conference of the Parties, as the central governing body of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, will receive reports regarding all treaty support matters from the head of the Convention Secretariat. Additionally, the Conference of the Parties will receive information from the Director-General regarding technical issues related to implementation of the Framework Convention. The Director-General will report to the Health Assembly on the implementation of the Framework Convention with respect to treaty support and implementation matters. These reports will include the activities of the Convention Secretariat and the Tobacco Free Initiative, as well as those of the Conference of the Parties.

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