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WHO Framework Convention  
on Tobacco Control**

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## **DECISION**

**FCTC/COP6(6)      Status of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco  
Products**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Taking into account Article 15 (*Illicit trade in tobacco products*) of the WHO FCTC;

Recalling its decision FCTC/COP5(1) by which the COP adopted the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products;

Considering that the first session of the Meeting of the Parties will be held in conjunction with the next regular session of the COP following the entry into force of the Protocol;

Mindful of the importance of multisectoral cooperation and coordination among all relevant sectors of government, including health, customs, tax administrations, law enforcement, foreign affairs, trade and justice and other bodies as appropriate, for the implementation of the Protocol and Article 15 of the WHO FCTC,

1. CALLS UPON all Parties to the WHO FCTC to ratify, accept, approve, formally confirm or accede to the Protocol at the earliest opportunity, with a view to bringing the Protocol into force as soon as possible;
2. CALLS UPON all Parties to the WHO FCTC to advocate and support the entry into force of the Protocol, including through appropriate forums of the World Customs Organization (WCO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other relevant international organizations of which they are members;
3. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to:
  - (a) continue to promote ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation and accession to the Protocol, including through multisectoral face-to-face and online meetings, and by

promoting the use of the self-assessment checklist by all government sectors involved in Protocol implementation;

(b) identify and establish, as soon as possible, a panel of experts, composed of up to two experts per WHO region, with the mandate to support the Convention Secretariat to provide technical and legal advice upon request, including on customs, tax administration and enforcement, and facilitate exchanges of information, experiences and challenges among Parties, including on existing good practices and opportunities in implementation of the provisions of the Protocol;

(c) further engage with WCO, UNODC, WTO and other bodies, as appropriate, in order to identify means of accelerating the entry into force of the Protocol, particularly by facilitating multisectoral discussions;

(d) to continue to develop and make available the technical capacity required within the Secretariat to support Parties wishing to advance their work in the areas covered by Article 15 of the WHO FCTC and the Protocol;

(e) identify mechanisms of technical and financial support to Parties in implementation of the Protocol; and

(f) report on the activities carried out to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 18 October 2014)

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