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WHO Framework Convention
on Tobacco Control**

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DECISION

FCTC/COP6(13) Impact assessment of the WHO FCTC

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling decision FCTC/COP5(12), requesting the Convention Secretariat to prepare a report outlining options for conducting an impact assessment of the WHO FCTC after its first 10 years of operation;

Welcoming the implementation reports submitted by the Parties in the 2014 reporting cycle, which serve as an important source of information concerning the progress in implementation made at country, regional and global levels;

Recognizing that the impact assessment should be performed by independent experts;

Having considered the report of the Secretariat, *Impact assessment of the WHO FCTC*, as contained in document FCTC/COP/6/15,

DECIDES:

- (1) that an impact assessment of the WHO FCTC will be conducted, under the guidance of the Bureau, and as outlined under option A in paragraph 27 of document FCTC/COP/6/15;
- (2) that the purpose of the impact assessment should be to assess and examine the impact of the WHO FCTC on implementation of tobacco control measures and on the effectiveness of its implementation in order to assess the impact of the Convention as a tool for reducing tobacco consumption and prevalence after its first 10 years of operation;
- (3) to mandate the Bureau, based on an initial screening by the Secretariat, to establish a group of seven independent experts, to conduct the impact assessment. The group should be selected from nominations made by Parties and non-governmental organizations accredited to the COP and ensure there is regional balance. The group should include expertise in programme

evaluation, including, but not limited to, evaluation of tobacco-control policies and legislation, treaty law, epidemiology and public health;

(4) to mandate the independent expert group to examine in three Parties selected in consultation with the Bureau, on a voluntary basis, within each of the four different levels of economic development as prescribed by the World Bank, including an analysis considering gender, children and vulnerable socioeconomic groups, where relevant data are available, the impact of the WHO FCTC by seeking the views of relevant stakeholders, organizations and actors in tobacco control in the respective jurisdictions, and through desk reviews, as part of its work; including identification of indicators and methodologies on consumption and prevalence;

(5) to request the Secretariat to assist the independent expert group to fulfil its mandate;

(6) to request the expert group to report on the outcome of the impact assessment and make possible recommendations, as appropriate, on how to strengthen the impact of WHO FCTC, to be presented for final consideration at the seventh session of the COP.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 18 October 2014)

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