DECISION

FCTC/COP6(16) Towards a stronger contribution of the Conference of the Parties to achieving the noncommunicable disease global target on reduction of tobacco use

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Deeply concerned about the rising toll of the global tobacco epidemic and its impact on health, health systems, and socioeconomic development;

Recalling the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), which stressed the need to scale up action on tobacco control through implementing the WHO FCTC;

Further recalling resolution WHA66.10 of the World Health Assembly adopting the global monitoring framework for NCDs, which includes a global voluntary target of 30% relative reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15 years and over, by the year 2025;

Mindful of United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/300 adopting the outcome document of the high-level meeting on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of NCDs, which noted that progress has been slow, insufficient and highly uneven, called for accelerated implementation of the WHO FCTC, and included a time-bound commitment to implementing relevant interventions to address risk factors such as tobacco and their underlying social determinants by 2016;

Welcoming the establishment of a WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and a United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, which provide platforms to coordinate the activities of relevant United Nations organizations and other international organizations, as well as non-State actors;

1 Resolution A/RES/66/2.
Welcoming the inclusion of a target to strengthen implementation of the WHO FCTC in all countries in the Report of the Open Working Group of the United Nations General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals\(^1\) which shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered in this intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly;\(^2\)

Affirming these commitments and stressing the role of the COP as the global governing body that addresses tobacco control within the mandate of the WHO FCTC;

Emphasizing the importance of solidarity, international cooperation and joint work to achieve the global voluntary target of 30% relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15 years and over, which is in line with the objectives and aims of the WHO FCTC,

1. CALLS ON Parties to:

   (a) by 2015, consider setting a national target for 2025 for relative reduction of current tobacco use in persons aged 15 years and over, taking into account the voluntary global target of a 30% relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15+ years, building on guidance provided by the World Health Organization;

   (b) by 2015, consider developing or strengthening national multisectoral policies and plans to achieve national targets on reduction of current tobacco use by 2025, taking into account the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020;

   (c) accelerate the implementation of the WHO FCTC by Parties and encourage countries to consider becoming Parties to the Convention to contribute to achieving the voluntary global target of 30% relative reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15 years and over;

2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to:

   (a) strengthen collaboration and ensure better coordination in relation to the work on tobacco control with WHO and other United Nations agencies, development banks and other regional and international organizations including the work within the terms of reference of the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, in promoting and monitoring action at global, regional and national levels to contribute towards achieving the reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use;

   (b) develop a technical paper in collaboration with WHO on the contribution and impact of implementing the WHO FCTC on achieving the reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use, taking into account Parties’ current situation;

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\(^1\) As per document A/68/970.

\(^2\) In accordance with resolution A/RES/68/309.
(c) report to each regular session of the COP until the twelfth session of the COP on the contribution that the Parties are making in the area of the reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use;

(d) promote the WHO FCTC, wherever possible, in ongoing discussions on the post-2015 development agenda.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 18 October 2014)