DECISION

FCTC/COP6(23) Accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the Convention;

Recalling decisions FCTC/COP2(6), FCTC/COP4(23) and FCTC/COP5(22);

Having considered the proposals contained in document FCTC/COP/6/26,

1. DECIDES, in accordance with Rule 31.3 of its Rules of Procedure:

(a) to maintain the observer status of the following organizations:

Corporate Accountability International; European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention; FDI World Dental Federation; Framework Convention Alliance on Tobacco Control; International Alliance of Women; International Council of Nurses; International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations; International Network of Women Against Tobacco; International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations; International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease; Medical Women’s International Association; Union for International Cancer Control; World Federation of Public Health Associations; World Heart Federation; World Medical Association; World Self-Medication Industry.

(b) to discontinue the observer status of the following organizations:

Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences; International Association of Rural Medicine and Health; International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics; International Commission on Occupational Health; International Federation of Medical Students Associations; International Organization for Standardization; International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care; World Organization of Family Doctors.
(c) to defer a decision on whether to maintain observer status of the following organizations pending receipt of clarification of the reasons for the non submission of a report, and submission of a report during the next NGO reporting cycle, which will precede the seventh session of the COP; observer status should be automatically discontinued should no such report be submitted in that period:

Consumer International; International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation

2. FURTHER DECIDES to adopt the standard reporting questionnaire contained in the Annex of document FCTC/COP/6/26 to be used by nongovernmental organizations for future reporting, and to request the Convention Secretariat to make this questionnaire available on the website of the WHO FCTC for the use of organizations to submit their reports.

3. ENCOURAGES nongovernmental organizations to participate in the sessions of the COP as a key means of exercising their rights as observers.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 18 October 2014)