Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC

1. The election of officers of the Conference of the Parties (COP) is governed by Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure. The COP shall elect, before the end of its sixth session, a President and five Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. These officers shall constitute the next Bureau of the COP. Each of the WHO regions shall be represented by one Bureau member.

2. The term of office of the members of the Bureau shall commence at the closure of the session and will last until the closure of the following regular session of the COP, and will include any intervening extraordinary session.

3. The role of the Bureau of the COP is outlined in decision FCTC/COP5(20). In that decision, the COP, inter alia, called upon the Parties to give due consideration to the process for nomination of the members of the Bureau by their respective regional groups, in line with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the COP, in order to ensure that the nominations by the regional groups can be finalized before the opening of the regular session of the COP at which the Bureau shall be elected.

4. The regional groups of Parties are invited to put forward their respective candidates for membership to the Bureau as soon as possible before the opening of the session and to inform the Secretariat and their respective representative on the Bureau accordingly.

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1 Available at http://www.who.int/fctc/publications