

Application for the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Application of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations

Note by the Convention Secretariat

1. In accordance with Rule 31.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations has submitted to the Convention Secretariat an application for observer status to the Conference of the Parties.
2. The International Federation is registered as an international, non-profit-making, nongovernmental organization and has also the status of nongovernmental organization in official relations with WHO.
3. The Convention Secretariat reviewed the application and prepared a report in accordance with decision FCTC/COP2(6) for consideration by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account in particular, the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the Convention. The Bureau examined the application at its meeting on 6 October 2008 and decided to submit it to the Conference of the Parties with a recommendation to grant observer status.
4. The Conference is therefore invited to consider granting observer status to the International Federation of Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers & Associations in accordance with Rule 31.2 of the Rules of Procedure and decision FCTC/COP2(6).