

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT TRADE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS Third session (resumed) Panama City, Panama, 12–15 February 2024 FCTC/MOP3(10) 14 February 2024

DECISION

FCTC/MOP3(10) Investment Fund for implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Recalling the objective of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, Articles 4.1(f) (General obligations) and 36 (Financial resources) of the Protocol, as well as Articles 5.6 (General obligations) and 26 (Financial resources) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC);

Recognizing the importance of financial resources to support the implementation of the Protocol, including the establishment of a global information-sharing focal point, in accordance with Article 8 (Tracking and tracing);

Recalling decision FCTC/MOP2(8), in which the MOP decided to launch the Investment Fund to support implementation of the Protocol and requested the Convention Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to launch the Fund in an expedient manner;

Noting decision FCTC/COP9(13), in which the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) decided to launch the WHO FCTC Investment Fund;

Recalling that in decisions FCTC/MOP2(8) and FCTC/COP9(13) the MOP and the COP requested the Convention Secretariat to ensure management synergies between the Investment Funds supporting implementation of the Protocol and the WHO FCTC;

Acknowledging the report of the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/11, and the proposed terms of reference for a single Oversight Committee to serve the Protocol and the WHO FCTC Investment Funds, developed under the guidance of the Bureau of the MOP and the Bureau of the COP, contained in Annex 1 of that report,

1. DECIDES:

(a) to establish a single Oversight Committee serving the Protocol and the WHO FCTC Investment Funds, composed of:

(i) up to six members, reflecting to as great an extent as possible equitable representation from the regions of the World Health Organization (WHO); and

(ii) one representative from a nongovernmental organization (NGO) accredited as observer to the MOP and/or the COP will serve as observer to the Oversight Committee;

(b) to adopt the terms of reference for the Oversight Committee, as contained in Annex 1 of document FCTC/MOP/3/11, if also adopted by the COP;

2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to establish the Oversight Committee in an expedient manner.

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