



**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL
TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT TRADE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

**FCTC/MOP3(7)
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DECISION

FCTC/MOP3(7) Applications for the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Having considered the applications for observer status submitted and contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/3,

1. DECIDES, in accordance with Rules 30 and 31 of its Rules of Procedure:
 - (a) to grant observer status to:
 - African Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA)
 - InterAmerican Heart Foundation (IAHF)
 - Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
 - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
 - (b) to reject the application for observer status of the following organizations:
 - African Youths Initiative on Crime Prevention
 - Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
 - Humanitarian Organization for Poverty Eradication (HOPE – Pakistan)
 - Joseph Adedayo Foundation;
2. ADOPTS the indicative list of criteria contained in the Annex to the present decision;
3. MANDATES the Bureau, in accordance with Rule 24ter of its Rules of Procedure, to use the list of criteria to recommend to the MOP whether to grant or reject applications from organizations for observer status.

ANNEX

INDICATIVE LIST OF CRITERIA FOR THE BUREAU OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO ANALYSE APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

In accordance with Rules 30.1 and 31.1 of the Rules of the Procedures of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, only international intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) can apply for observer status to the MOP.

For such purposes, the procedure and requirements established in Rules 30.1 and 31.1 of the Rules of the Procedures of the MOP, and decisions FCTC/MOP1(4) and FCTC/MOP1(5), shall be complied with. Any organization that meets at least one of the following exclusionary criteria will not be granted observer status to the MOP:

A. For international intergovernmental organizations

- A.1 When the work of the IGO does not contribute to the implementation and purpose of the Protocol.
- A.2 Where there is evidence that the organization has accepted funding from and/or has a vested interest in the tobacco industry or any other commercial entity with a vested interest.

B. For nongovernmental organizations

- B.1 When the organization's activities are limited to the national scope.
- B.2 When the organization has accepted funding from and/or has a vested interest in the tobacco industry or any other commercial entity with a vested interest.
- B.3 When the organization is affiliated with the tobacco industry or any other commercial entity with a vested interest, taking into account the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs, as well as Article 5.3, of the WHO FCTC.

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