



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

**FCTC/MOP3(3)
29 November 2023**

**Third session (*de minimis*)
Geneva, Switzerland, 29–30 November 2023**

DECISION

FCTC/MOP3(3) Interim Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Taking into consideration decision FCTC/MOP1(1) by which the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products decided to use the Financial Rules and Regulations of the World Health Organization (WHO) as the financial rules referred in Article 33.4 of the Protocol;

Recalling decision FCTC/MOP2(13) on the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023;

Having provisionally considered the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025 submitted by the Convention Secretariat, as contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/9;

Recognizing the need to ensure continuity of operations of the Convention Secretariat in respect of the Workplan and Budget of the MOP for the financial period 2024–2025, in the context of the postponement of the Third session of the MOP (MOP3), and the arrangements for MOP3 to be held during a *de minimis* virtual session and to be resumed at an in-person session in 2024,

DECIDES:

- (a) to adopt, on an interim basis, the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025, as contained in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of document FCTC/MOP/3/9, to ensure continuity of operations of the Convention Secretariat beyond 31 December 2023, subject to amendment upon the adoption of the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025 at the resumed MOP3 in 2024;
- (b) to adopt, on an exceptional basis, a supplementary budget of US\$ 600 000 for the organization of the resumed in-person MOP3 in 2024 to be funded from Assessed Contributions and Extra-budgetary Contributions carried over to the financial period 2024–2025;
- (c) to establish the total amount of Assessed Contributions of Parties for the financial period 2024–2025 at US\$ 4 999 719;

- (d) to request the Convention Secretariat, in coordination with the Bureau, to communicate the scale of assessment of Assessed Contributions for 2024–2025 to Parties based on the corresponding WHO scale of assessment for 2024–2025 and taking into account the difference of membership of WHO and that of the Protocol;
- (e) to finance the travel and per diem of least-developed countries from Assessed Contributions until and including the Fourth session of the MOP (MOP4);
- (f) to finance, moreover, travel for low- and lower-middle-income countries from Assessed Contributions and to cover the cost of the corresponding per diem with resources available in the Extra-budgetary Contributions until and including MOP4;
- (g) to authorize the Convention Secretariat to request the payment of Assessed Contributions, including from countries that may become a Party to the Protocol between MOP3 and MOP4, in line with the scale of assessment as indicated in paragraph (d) of the present decision;
- (h) to request the Head of the Convention Secretariat to implement the workplan and budget adopted by the MOP, on an interim basis, and to report on implementation as part of the performance reports to MOP4;
- (i) to authorize the Convention Secretariat to seek and receive voluntary Extra-budgetary Contributions for activities in line with the workplan adopted on an interim basis, with the exception of activity 1.3.1 (road map for conducting evidence-based research in accordance with Articles 6.5 and 13.2 of the Protocol), which will not commence until a decision is made at the resumed MOP3;
- (j) to call on the Head of the Convention Secretariat to regularly update the Bureau on the status of workplans and budgets adopted by the MOP;
- (k) to encourage Parties to provide Extra-budgetary Contributions for meeting the objectives of the workplan, as adopted on an interim basis;
- (l) to invite the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to cover the proportion of the shared core staff costs, including those of the Head of the Convention, in its respective workplan and budget;
- (m) to request the COP to consider adopting, on an interim basis, a workplan and budget consistent with the shared staff costs as identified in the Workplan and Budget of the MOP for the financial period 2024–2025, adopted on an interim basis.

(First plenary meeting, 29 November 2023)

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