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# **Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties**

## **Report by the Convention Secretariat**

### **Purpose of the document**

The present report provides information to the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products on the election process for the President and Vice-Presidents of the MOP, according to Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP.

### **Action by the Meeting of the Parties**

The MOP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision to elect the officers who will constitute the Bureau for the following session of the MOP.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): All SDGs; in particular SDG 3 and Target 3.a, as well as SDG 16.

Link to Workplan and Budget item: 4.1.3.

Additional financial implications if not included in the Workplan and Budget: None.

Related document(s): Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. The election of officers of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products is governed by Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP. Before the end of the Third session of the MOP (MOP3), the MOP shall elect 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 MOP. Each of the World Health Organization (WHO) regions shall be represented by one member of the Bureau.
2. The term of office of the members of the Bureau shall commence at the closure of MOP3 and will continue until the closure of the Fourth session of the MOP and will include any intervening extraordinary session.
3. The functions of the Bureau are outlined in Rule 24ter of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP.
4. WHO regions were encouraged to nominate their respective candidates to constitute the next Bureau of the MOP as early as possible, ideally before the opening of MOP3.

## **ACTION BY THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

5. The MOP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision.

ANNEX

**DRAFT DECISION:  
ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP), pursuant to Rule 21 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. ELECTS the following officers to constitute the Bureau of the MOP:

President: (...)

Vice-Presidents: (...)

(...)

(...)

(...)

(...)

2. DECIDES that, of the five Vice-Presidents, the following should act as Rapporteur:

Rapporteur: (...)

(XXX plenary meeting, XX November 2023)

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