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1. Opening of the session*

1.1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Documents FCTC/MOP/3/1 and FCTC/MOP/3/1(annotated)

The provisional agenda was prepared by the Convention Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP.

In considering the method and organization of its work, the MOP may wish to keep the existing approach by establishing two committees, A and B, working in parallel. Committee A could be entrusted with work on Protocol instruments and technical matters under provisional agenda item 5, and reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation under provisional agenda item 6. Committee B could work on budgetary and institutional matters under provisional agenda item 7. Provisional agenda items 1–4 and 8–11 would be considered in the plenary session.

The MOP is invited to review and consider adopting the provisional agenda and to decide on the organization of work of the session.

1.2 Credentials of participants

Document FCTC/MOP/3/2

In accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, credentials shall be submitted to the Convention Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. In accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, the Bureau of the MOP, with the assistance of the Convention Secretariat, shall examine the credentials and report thereon to the MOP in document FCTC/MOP/3/2, which will be prepared during the session. Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the MOP to accept their credentials.

2. Applications for the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/3/3

¹ At the recommendation of the Bureau of the MOP, it is proposed that the agenda items marked with an asterisk be webcast.

The MOP is invited to review the applications for the status of observer, in accordance with Rules 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP. Document FCTC/MOP/3/3 contains, in its annex, a draft decision for consideration by the MOP.

3. High-level segment*

The Bureau of the MOP has identified the opportunity to raise the visibility of the Protocol through high-level interventions, in line with the theme of the Third session of the MOP (MOP3), and of the general debate on progress in implementation of the treaty, which is “More Parties, greater traceability, less illicit trade”. The High-level Segment will promote a discussion and examine initiatives, best practices and potential avenues for cooperation, including intersectoral collaboration, in the area of eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products.

4. Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, followed by a general debate*

Document FCTC/MOP/3/4

The Head of the Convention Secretariat will provide an overview of global progress in implementation of the Protocol. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/4. A general debate on the theme “More Parties, greater traceability, less illicit trade” will follow the introduction of this agenda item.

Delegations wishing to speak in the general debate are invited to notify the Convention Secretariat as soon as possible by email with the subject line “Request for general debate statement” to cop10-mop3@who.int. Delegations are encouraged to opt for group or regional statements, in lieu of individual statements.

5. Protocol instruments and technical matters

5.1 Tracking and Tracing Systems, including the global information-sharing focal point (Article 8): report by the Working Group

Document FCTC/MOP/3/5

Document FCTC/MOP/3/5 contains the report of the Working Group on Tracking and Tracing Systems (Article 8) established by the MOP at its first session, the mandate of which was extended at its second session, in decision FCTC/MOP2(6). The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/5, provide further guidance and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it.

5.2 Road map, timelines and steps to conduct evidence-based research (Articles 6.5 and 13.2)

Document FCTC/MOP/3/6

In accordance with decision FCTC/MOP2(2), document FCTC/MOP/3/6 is submitted to the MOP as one of the items that were deferred from the Second session of the MOP (MOP2). The report contains the road map setting out the timelines and steps to conduct evidence-based research foreseen by Article 6.5 and Article 13.2, prepared by the Convention Secretariat pursuant to decision FCTC/MOP1(7). The MOP is invited to consider the road map contained in Annex 1 and to adopt the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of document FCTC/MOP/3/6.

6. Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

- 6.1 Reporting and information sharing under the Protocol (including improving the reporting system of the Protocol)

Document FCTC/MOP/3/7

In accordance with decision FCTC/MOP2(2), document FCTC/MOP/3/7 is submitted to the MOP as one of the items that were deferred from MOP2. The report describes the initial experience with the reporting and information sharing arrangements under the Protocol, in accordance with decision FCTC/MOP1(10). It also outlines the work carried out under the guidance of the Bureau to improve the reporting system of the Protocol. The report contains a proposal to improve the reporting system, including in relation to the reporting instrument of the Protocol. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/7, consider the proposed revised reporting instrument for the Protocol contained in Annex 2 and adopt the draft decision contained in Annex 3 of the report.

7. Budgetary and institutional matters

- 7.1 Performance and progress reports

Document FCTC/MOP/3/8

- (a) Performance report for the 2020–2021 Workplan and Budget
- (b) Interim performance report for the 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget

The MOP is invited to note the performance and progress reports for the reported periods contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/8.

- 7.2 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025

Documents FCTC/MOP/3/9 and FCTC/MOP/3/INF.DOC./1

The MOP is invited to consider the report and adopt the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025 contained in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of document FCTC/MOP/3/9, and to note the additional information contained in the Explanatory note FCTC/MOP/3/INF.DOC./1.

- 7.3 Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears

Document FCTC/MOP/3/10

The MOP is invited to note the report providing information on the progress made on the payment of Assessed Contributions and the current status of Parties in arrears, contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/10, and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it, as recommended by the Bureau.

- 7.4 Investment Fund for implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

Document FCTC/MOP/3/11

Document FCTC/MOP/3/11 describes the arrangements made to launch the Protocol Investment Fund, in accordance with decision FCTC/MOP2(8). The report proposes the establishment of a single Oversight Committee, which would serve both the Investment Fund to support implementation of the

Protocol and the Investment Fund to support implementation of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), under the direction of the separate governing bodies of the treaties. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/11, to consider the terms of reference for a single Oversight Committee contained in Annex 1 and to adopt the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the report.

7.5 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/3/12

Document FCTC/MOP/3/12 provides examples of the work carried out by nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that are accredited as observers to the MOP to support Parties with implementation of the Protocol. In addition, upon the recommendation of the Bureau, it contains a proposal to articulate a process to facilitate the review of accreditations of NGOs with observer status to the MOP. The MOP is invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/12, and, following recommendation of the Bureau, to consider adopting the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the report to maintain the observer status of the reviewed NGOs and articulate a process to facilitate the review of accreditations of NGOs with observer status to the MOP.

7.6 Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/3/13

The MOP is invited to consider possible amendments to the Rules of Procedures of the MOP, as recommended by the Bureau, contained in Annex 1 of document FCTC/MOP/3/13, and to adopt the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the document.

7.7 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau

Document FCTC/MOP/3/14

Document FCTC/MOP/3/14 contains the joint recommendations of the Bureau elected by MOP2 and the Bureau elected by the Ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC to improve the process of appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat, in accordance with decisions FCTC/MOP2(9) and FCTC/COP9(9). The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/14 and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it.

8. Date and place of the Fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties*

Document FCTC/MOP/3/15

In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP, the MOP shall decide on the date and duration of its next regular session. The report contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/15 proposes a date and place for the conduct of the Fourth session of the MOP (MOP4). It also makes reference to the basic requirements for Parties to host future sessions of the COP and the MOP. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/15 and consider adopting the draft decision annexed to it to decide the date and place of MOP4.

9. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties

Document FCTC/MOP/3/16

The election of officers of the MOP is governed by Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the MOP. Each regional group of Parties is invited to put forward a candidate for membership of the Bureau and to inform its respective current Bureau Member and the Convention Secretariat of its nomination, if possible before the opening of the session. The procedure is described in document FCTC/MOP/3/16. The MOP is invited to note document FCTC/MOP/3/16 and elect the officers that constitute the Bureau of the MOP.

10. Provisional report of the Third session of the Meeting of the Parties*

Document FCTC/MOP/3/17

The MOP is invited to adopt the provisional report of MOP3 contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/17.

11. Closure of the session*

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