



**PROTOCOL**  
TO ELIMINATE  
ILLICIT TRADE IN  
TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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

**FCTC/MOP3(9)  
14 February 2024**

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## **DECISION**

### **FCTC/MOP3(9)      Assessed Contributions**

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Reaffirming decision FCTC/COP7(23), FCTC/MOP2(12) and FCTC/MOP1(18), and noting the report by the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/MOP/3/10 Rev.1;

Reiterating the process and methodology established in decision FCTC/COP7(23), adopted in decision FCTC/MOP1(18);

Noting with concern that 23 Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products were in arrears as of 30 April 2023, including some Parties registering arrears for one biennium or more;

Welcoming with appreciation the overall spirit of commitment by Parties to meet their financial obligations to support the implementation of the Protocol;

Emphasizing that Assessed Contributions are the mandatory financial contribution of each Party to the Protocol in accordance with the agreed scale of assessments;

Noting the Convention Secretariat's note verbale CS/NV/22/24 through which, in accordance with decision FCTC/COP7(23), Parties in arrears of payment of Assessed Contributions were invited to pay their Assessed Contributions or to submit their plan for making payments to clear their arrears,

1. **URGES** the Parties to pay their Assessed Contributions in accordance with decision FCTC/MOP2(12), in order to ensure adequate resources to implement the Workplan and Budget adopted by the MOP;

2. **DECIDES**, in accordance with decision FCTC/COP7(23) and FCTC/MOP1(18), and following the recommendation of the Bureau of the MOP, to apply the following measures, with immediate effect to the Parties in arrears that have failed to submit, within the deadline established by the Head of the Convention Secretariat and communicated to the relevant Parties, their plan for making payments to clear their arrears:

(a) the Party shall not be eligible to become or nominate a member of the Bureau of the MOP;  
and

(b) the Party shall not be eligible to chair any subsidiary body or working group;

3. DECIDES, in accordance with decision FCTC/COP7(23), to apply paragraph 3(d) of the said decision, with effect at the close of the Third session of the MOP, to those Parties that are in the situation described in the aforementioned paragraph;
4. DECIDES, in accordance with decision FCTC/COP7(23), that the measures imposed under paragraphs 2 and 3 shall immediately lapse for any Party once that Party pays its arrears in full;
5. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
  - (a) to communicate this decision to all Parties in arrears in the payment of their Assessed Contributions, as shown in the table of document FCTC/MOP/3/10 Rev.1;
  - (b) to report at each MOP session the status of Assessed Contributions and to the Fourth session of the MOP on actions in accordance with the measures adopted in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;
  - (c) to continue to actively engage Parties in finding ways to make payments, including providing individual invoices and receipts for each Party, as well as clear payment information on the WHO FCTC website, and in enhancing coordination with regional and country offices of World Health Organization, as well as assisting in the formulation of plans of payment.

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