



First report of Committee B

(Draft)

At its first plenary meeting on 24 November 2025, the Meeting of the Parties elected the following delegates to Committee B: Fatoumata Komma (Gambia) as Chairperson, and Bernardo Darquea Arias (Ecuador) and Ananda Rathnayaka (Sri Lanka) as Vice-Chairpersons.

Committee B held its first and second meetings on 25 November 2025, with Fatoumata Komma (Gambia) in the chair.

Committee B recommends to the Meeting of the Parties the adoption of the attached decisions related to the following agenda items:

6. Budgetary and institutional matters

6.3 Payment of the Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears

One decision entitled:

- Assessed Contributions

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

One decision entitled:

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

Agenda item 6.3

Assessed Contributions

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Reaffirming decisions FCTC/COP7(23), FCTC/MOP2(12) and FCTC/MOP1(18), recalling decision FCTC/MOP3(9) and noting the report by the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/MOP/4/13;

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

Noting with concern that 17 Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products were in arrears as of 30 April 2025, 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 assessment;

Noting the Convention Secretariat's notes verbales CS/NV/24/16 and CS/NV/24/17 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 decisions 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 Fourth 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/4/13;
- (b) to report at each MOP session the status of Assessed Contributions and to the Fifth session of the MOP on actions in accordance with the measures adopted in paragraphs 2 and 3 above; and
- (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 the World Health Organization, as well as assisting in the formulation of plans of payment.

Agenda item 6.4**Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations
with the status of observer to the Meeting of the Parties**

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Recalling the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, as well as the 15th and 16th preambular paragraphs and Article 4.2 of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products;

Having considered document FCTC/MOP/4/14,

1. DECIDES, in accordance with Rule 31.2 of its Rules of Procedure, to maintain the observer status of the following 11 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs):

- African Tobacco Control Alliance
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Corporate Accountability
- European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention
- Global Alliance for Tobacco Control
- InterAmerican Heart Foundation
- Smoke Free Partnership
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- Tobacco Control Research Group
- Tobacco Free Portfolios
- Union for International Cancer Control

2. ADOPTS the process to facilitate the review of accreditation of NGOs with observer status to the MOP as described in paragraphs 22 and 23 of document FCTC/MOP/4/14 and the standard reporting questionnaire for use by NGOs for future reviews of accreditation contained in Annex 2 of document FCTC/MOP/4/14.
