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Resumed Tenth session, Panama City, Panama, 5–10 February 2024**JOURNAL****N° 5 – Friday 9 February 2024***This Journal does not constitute an official record of the Conference of the Parties.*

Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Committee A – Eighth meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Sixth meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
15:00–18:00	Committee A – Ninth meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
15:00–18:00	Committee B – Seventh meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
19:00–22:00	Committee B – Eighth meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor

**Informal regional meetings and the EU coordination meetings**

08:30–09:30	European Union coordination meeting ( <i>closed</i> )	ISTMO 1, first floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa	Caribe 6, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Americas	Caribe 5, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean	Pacifico 3, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Caribe 2, ground floor
09:00–10:00	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Caribe 3, ground floor
14:00–15:00	European Union coordination meeting ( <i>closed</i> )	ISTMO 4, first floor
18:00–19:00	European Union coordination meeting ( <i>closed</i> )	Caribe 5, ground floor

**Other meetings**

08:30–08:50 and 18:00–18:20	Daily press briefings	Pacifico 5, ground floor
	<b>Side events:</b>	
13:30–14:45	Innovative Financing Mechanisms to Strengthen WHO FCTC Implementation	Caribe 5, ground floor
13:30–14:45	Addressing big tobacco influence: advertising, marketing and promotional tactics used by tobacco industry to target youth	Caribe 6, ground floor

**Meeting of the Bureau**

18:15–19:00	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties ( <i>closed</i> )	ISTMO 4, first floor
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## Programme of work

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**Eighth and ninth meetings of Committee A** 10:00 and 15:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor

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**Item 6 (cont) Treaty and technical matters**

Item 6.1 (cont) Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products): reports by the Bureau and by WHO

*Documents FCTC/COP/10/7 and FCTC/COP/10/5*

Item 6.3 Novel and emerging tobacco products: reports by the Convention Secretariat and by WHO

*Documents FCTC/COP/10/9 and FCTC/COP/10/10*

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**Sixth and seventh meetings of Committee B** 10:00 and 15:00 – Canal Hall 1, ground floor

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**Item 8 (cont) Budgetary and institutional matters**

Item 8.8 (cont) Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau

*Document FCTC/COP/10/23*

**Item 6 (cont) Treaty instruments and technical matters**

*[Item transferred from Committee A]*

Item 6.2 Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship: depiction of tobacco in entertainment media: report by the Working Group

*Document FCTC/COP/10/8*

**Item 8 (cont) Budgetary and institutional matters**

Item 8.6 Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties

*Documents FCTC/COP/10/21*

**Item 7 (cont) Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**

*[Item transferred from Committee A]*

Item 7.2 (cont) Implementation Review Mechanism

*Document FCTC/COP/10/14*

**Item 8 (cont) Budgetary and institutional matters**

Item 8.2 (cont) Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025

*Documents FCTC/COP/10/17 and FCTC/COP/10/INF.DOC./1*

## Report of meetings on Thursday 8 February 2024

### Fifth meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

The Chair called the meeting to order and informed the Committee that an evening session would take place on Thursday from 19:00 to 22:00 in order to advance the discussion on the agenda items.

It was announced that, as decided by the Bureau, the following agenda item will be transferred to Committee B:

- 7.3: Contribution of the WHO FCTC to the promotion and fulfilment of human rights (item proposed by a Party)

**Supplementary item** The environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO FCTC (item proposed by a Party)

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./5 Rev.1. At the invitation of the Chair, the proposing Party introduced the supplementary item and read out the proposed amendment. Comments were invited from the floor.

For clarity, the Chair invited the proposing Parties to address the issues raised by the Parties. The Chair suggested that the supplementary item remain open for consideration at a later meeting pending processing of the amendments.

The meeting was adjourned.

### Fourth meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Alqahtani Zafer Mansour (Saudi Arabia)

The Chair opened the meeting and informed the Committee that two agenda items had been transferred from Committee A to Committee B.

**Item 7** **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**  
*[Item transferred from Committee A]*

**Item 7.2 (cont)** Implementation Review Mechanism

The Chair re-opened the agenda item. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/14 and to consider the draft decision included in the paper including specific amendments offered by Chair, taking into accounts comments from the Parties made the previous day. The Chair invited the Convention Secretariat to provide explanatory remarks, and comments were invited from the floor.

The Convention Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision and responded to the issues raised. Consideration of this agenda item was suspended, to be resumed at a later meeting of the Committee.

**Item 7.3** Contribution of the WHO FCTC to the promotion and fulfilment of human rights

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/15 and to consider the draft decision proposed by a Party as contained in paper FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./3 Rev1. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Convention Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The Chair suspended the consideration of this agenda item as requested by the Committee for further consideration and would continue discussions during the afternoon session.

## Sixth meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

Supplementary item (cont) The environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO FCTC (item proposed by a Party)

The Chair reopened the item and invited those Parties who had requested to speak during the previous meeting to take the floor.

The proposed amendments to the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./5 Rev.1 were read out. Consideration of this agenda item was suspended, to be resumed at the seventh meeting of the Committee.

### Item 6 (cont) Treaty and technical matters

Item 6.1 Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products): reports by the Bureau and by WHO

The Chair re-opened the item and invited the Vice-Chair Dr Csaba Kontor (Hungary) to report on the progress of the drafting group. Comments were invited from the floor.

At the invitation of the Chair, Convention Secretariat Legal explained the status of the working group. The Chair reviewed the content of the partial guidelines of Articles 9 and 10. A member of the expert group was invited to provide additional comments.

Consideration of this agenda item was suspended, to be resumed at the seventh meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Fifth meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Alqahtani Zafer Mansour (Saudi Arabia)

### Item 7 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

*[Item transferred from Committee A]*

Item 7.3 (cont) Contribution of the WHO FCTC to the promotion and fulfilment of human rights

The Chair opened the meeting and resumed the discussion of the agenda item. Comments were invited from the floor and the Convention Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted and the decision approved as amended. The agenda item was closed.

### Item 8 (cont) Budgetary and institutional matters

Item 8.8 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/23 and to consider the annexed draft decision. At the invitation of the Chair, members of the Bureau made some introductory remarks. Comments were invited from the floor and the Convention Secretariat responded to issues raised. In the absence of consensus, discussion of the agenda item was suspended. The Committee decided to continue discussion of this item at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Seventh meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan (Thailand)

Supplementary item (cont) The environmental concerns associated with tobacco, in line with Article 18 of the WHO FCTC (item proposed by a Party)

The Chair opened the meeting and invited comments from the floor. The draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP10/P/CONF./5 Rev.1 was approved as amended and the item was closed.

**Item 6 (cont) Treaty and technical matters**

Item 6.1 (cont) Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC (Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products): reports by the Bureau and by WHO

The Chair re-opened the item and invited comments from the floor. At the invitation of the Chair, Convention Secretariat Legal responded to questions concerning the suspension of the mandate of the working group. In the absence of consensus, the Chair proposed deferring the item to the next meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

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- Saturday, 10 February from 08:00 until the closure of the session.

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## Announcements

### Arrangements for conduct of discussion in Plenary, Committee A and B meetings

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### Room booking

There is limited space for bilateral or private meetings; however, upon request, rooms can be designated by the Convention Secretariat for specific appointments. Regrettably, interpretation cannot be provided for such meetings. Requests will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## List of participants

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