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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Sixth Plenary meeting	America Hall 1/2, first floor
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Ninth meeting	Canal Hall 1, ground floor
15:00–18:00	Seventh Plenary meeting	America Hall 1/2, first 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 the Americas	Caribe 5, ground floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia	Caribe 2, ground floor
09:30–10:00	Regional group for Europe	ISTMO 1, first 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 30 minutes following the closure of Plenary	Daily press briefings	America Hall 1/2, first floor
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**Meeting of the Bureau**

13:15–14:00	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties ( <i>closed</i> )	ISTMO 4, first floor
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## Programme of work

### Ninth meeting of Committee B

10:00 – Canal Hall 1, ground floor

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

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 (cont) Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties  
*Document FCTC/COP/10/21*

Item 8.2 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025  
*Documents FCTC/COP/10/17 and FCTC/COP/10/INF.DOC./1*

### Sixth and seventh Plenary meetings

10:00 and 15:00 – Plenary Hall, America Hall 1/2, first floor

#### Reports of the main committees

##### – First report of Committee A (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/A/R/1, containing 2 decisions entitled:

- Item 6.4: Forward-looking tobacco control measures (in relation to Article 2.1 of the WHO FCTC)
- Item 6.5: Implementation of Article 19 of the WHO FCTC: Liability

##### – First report of Committee B (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/B/R/1, containing 2 decisions entitled:

- Item 8.1: Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control: Advancing sustainable development through the implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019–2025
- Item 8.3: WHO FCTC Investment Fund

##### – Second report of Committee A (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/A/R/2, containing 1 decision entitled:

- Supplementary item: Implementation of Article 18 of the WHO FCTC

##### – Second report of Committee B (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/B/R/2, containing 3 decisions entitled:

- Item 8.4: Assessed Contributions
- Item 8.5: Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organisations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties
- Item 7.1: Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC

##### – Third report of Committee B (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/B/R/3, containing 1 decision entitled:

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

##### – Fourth report of Committee B (Draft)

Document FCTC/COP/10/B/R/4, containing 2 decisions entitled:

- Item 8.8: Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat and renewal of the term of office
- Item 7.2: Voluntary Implementation Peer Review and Support Mechanism

- Item 9**            **Date and place of the Eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties**  
*Document FCTC/COP/10/24*
- Item 10**           **Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties**  
*Document FCTC/COP/10/25*
- Item 11**           **Provisional report of the Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties**  
*Document FCTC/COP/10/26*
- Item 12**           **Closure of the session**

## Report of meetings on Friday 9 February 2024

### **Eighth meeting of Committee A**

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

The Chair called the meeting to order and informed the Committee that, as decided by the Bureau, the following agenda item will be transferred to Committee B:

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

**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, by the Expert Group and by WHO

As a continuation of Item 6.1, the Chair gave the floor to the World Health Organization (WHO) to introduce the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/7. The Committee was invited to note the report and provide further guidance. Questions and requests for clarifications concerning the technical content of the report were invited from the floor. WHO responded to the questions and provided clarification on issues raised from the floor.

The report was noted and the agenda item was closed.

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

The Chair opened the agenda item and gave the floor to WHO (Chair of the Tobacco Regulation Study Group (TobReg)) to introduce elements of the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/9. The floor was opened for questions and requests for clarification of the content of the report. Clarifications were provided on issues raised from the floor.

The Chair informed the Parties that the Committee will entertain Party statements in the general discussion after both technical papers under agenda item 6.3 had been introduced and questions and requests for clarifications on their technical content were addressed.

The Committee was invited to consider the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/10 and at the invitation of the Chair, WHO introduced the report. The floor was opened for questions and requests for clarification of the content of the report. WHO provided responses and clarifications, and Convention Secretariat Legal took the floor and drew the Committee's attention to the information contained in Annexes 1 and 2 of the document.

It was announced that, due to time constraints, discussion of this item would continue at the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Sixth meeting of Committee B

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

The Chair opened the session and announced that, as decided by the Bureau, one agenda item had been transferred from Committee A to Committee B. The Parties agreed with the Chair's proposal concerning the order of the programme of work of Committee B. The Committee was informed that an evening session would take place on Friday 9 February from 19:00 to 22:00.

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

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

The Chair re-opened the agenda item and invited Parties to read out their proposed amendments to the draft decision contained in document FCTC/COP/10/23.

In the absence of consensus, the agenda item was suspended and remained to be continued at the next meeting of the Committee.

### 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

The agenda item was opened and the Committee was invited to note the report of the Working Group contained in document FCTC/COP/10/8, to consider adopting the Specific guidelines contained in Annex 1 and to consider approving the draft decision contained in Annex 2 of the report. At the invitation of the Chair, the facilitator of the Working Group addressed the Committee. Comments were invited from the floor.

A Party proposed the establishment of a drafting group to provide a document for the Committee's consideration during the evening session. The Committee agreed with this proposal and the agenda item was suspended.

### Item 7 (cont) **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation** (*item transferred from Committee A*)

Item 7.2 Implementation Review Mechanism

The Chair re-opened the agenda item and invited the Convention Secretariat to display the Chair's text, which included the various amendments as proposed by the Chair and additional amendments proposed by the Parties. Comments were invited from the floor on the draft text. The Convention Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

Due to time constraints, consideration of the agenda item was suspended, and remained to be resumed at the seventh meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned

## **Ninth meeting of Committee A**

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

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

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

The agenda item was re-opened and, at the invitation of the Chair, the WHO provided an explanation of the methodology for developing WHO technical reports.

After responses concerning the technical content of the reports contained in documents FCTC/COP/10/9 and FCTC/COP/10/10, the Chair invited Party statements related to the two reports. Many Parties provided statements, followed by civil society organizations.

The Committee was invited to note the reports contained in documents FCTC/COP/10/9 and FCTC/COP/10/10. The reports of the Convention Secretariat and the report of WHO were noted and the agenda item was closed.

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, by the Expert Group and by WHO

The Chair re-opened the agenda item and reminded delegates that the item had been discussed extensively in the past days. Following a lengthy discussion concerning the recommendations made by the Bureau in document FCTC/COP/10/5 with respect to the future work of the Working Group on Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC and the proposed establishment of an expert group, no consensus was reached.

The Chair called on the Convention Secretariat to propose a way forward. In keeping with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, and past practice of the Conference of the Parties, it was suggested that the agenda item could be included in the provisional agenda of the next regular session of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties agreed to the proposal and the agenda item was closed.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **Seventh meeting of Committee B**

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

### **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 and invited the Convention Secretariat to display the Chair's text, taking into account the various proposed amendments. The floor was opened for comments and the Convention Secretariat responded to issues raised. The report was noted, the guidelines and decision approved. The agenda item was closed.

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

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

The Chair reopened the agenda item. The Chair requested that the Convention Secretariat display the draft text to allow Parties to review the proposed amendments. The Convention Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The report was noted and the decision approved. The agenda item was closed.

**Item 8.6 (cont) Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties**

The agenda item was opened. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/COP/10/21, to consider amendments contained in Annex 1 and to consider the decision contained in Annex 2 of the report. At the invitation of the Chair, the Convention Secretariat gave introductory remarks. The Chair invited comments from the floor. The Chair requested the Secretariat to display the draft text, as per the request of the Committee. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

In the absence of a consensus, the agenda item was suspended, to be resumed at the next meeting of Committee B.

### **Eighth meeting of Committee B**

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

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

**Item 8.6 (cont) Possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties**

The Chair reopened the agenda item and invited comments from the floor on the proposed amendments submitted by one Party on Rule 8. The Convention Secretariat responded to the issues raised. Following discussions and demands from the Committee, the Chair requested the Convention Secretariat to project the Chair's text on the screen and read it out. Consensus of all proposed amendments included in document number FCTC/COP/10/21 as proposed by the Bureau was reached. Proposed amendments from the EU and the text will be made available on the restricted access website for consideration of the Committee.

The report was noted and the decision "Amendments to the rules or procedures" approved.

The agenda item was suspended and will continue discussions on the amendment proposed by EU during the next meeting of the Committee B.

The item was suspended

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

**Item 6.2 Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship: depiction of tobacco in entertainment media.**

The Chair reopened the agenda item and invited the Chair of the Drafting Group (New Zealand) to report on the discussions of the group. The Chair requested the Convention Secretariat to display the draft text provided by the Drafting Group, and containing its proposed amendments, for review of the Committee. Comments were invited from the floor. Due to a lack of consensus, the Chair requested the Convention Secretariat to post the document prepared by the Drafting Group on the restricted access website for the Committee's review. It was announced that the next meeting of Committee B will resume its work with agenda item 8.6 to discuss the amendment proposed by EU.

The meeting was adjourned.

## COP10 WHO FCTC App

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- Monday, 5 February to Friday, 9 February from 08:00 to 18:00.
- 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

For the conduct of plenary meetings, interventions by delegates will be monitored by a “traffic light”. Individual statements are limited to three minutes (330 words) and statements on behalf of a WHO region to four minutes (440 words).

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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

The provisional list of participants is available on the WHO FCTC website at: <https://storage.googleapis.com/who-fctc-cop10-source/Additional%20documents%20-%20Diverse/fctc-cop10-div-1-en.pdf>. The list was issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 (noon) on Sunday, 4 February. In the event of any official change in the details and composition of a delegation, the Convention Secretariat requests that it be amended directly in the registration system.



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