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## Second report of Committee B

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Committee B held its second and third meetings on 7 February 2024, under the chairmanship of Dr Alqahtani Zafer Mansour (Saudi Arabia).

Committee B recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the attached decisions relating to the following agenda items:

8. Budgetary and institutional matters (continued)

8.4 Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears

One decision entitled:

- Assessed Contributions

8.5 Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

One decision entitled:

- Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organisations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties

7. Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

7.1 Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC

One decision entitled:

- Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC

## **Agenda item 8.4**

### **Assessed contributions**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Reaffirming decision FCTC/COP7(23) and noting the report by the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/COP/10/19/Rev.1;

Noting with concern that 59 Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) 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 WHO FCTC;

Emphasizing that Assessed Contributions are the mandatory financial contribution of each Party to the WHO FCTC in accordance with the agreed scale of assessment;

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 full, at the beginning of the biennium, in order to ensure adequate resources to implement the Workplan and Budget adopted by the COP;
2. DECIDES, in accordance with decision FCTC/COP7(23) and following the recommendation of the Bureau of the COP, 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 COP; 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 Tenth session of the COP, 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/COP/10/19/Rev.1;

(b) to report at each COP session the status of Assessed Contributions and to the Eleventh session of the COP 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.

## **Agenda item 8.5**

### **Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Recalling also decisions FCTC/COP2(6), FCTC/COP4(23), FCTC/COP5(22), FCTC/COP6(23), FCTC/COP7(16), FCTC/COP8(3) and FCTC/COP9(6);

Having considered the proposals contained in document FCTC/COP/10/20,

DECIDES, in accordance with Rule 31.3 of its Rules of Procedure, to maintain observer status of the following 26 nongovernmental organizations:

- Action on Smoking and Health
- African Tobacco Control Alliance
- American Cancer Society
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Cancer Research UK
- Corporate Accountability
- European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention
- FDI World Dental Federation
- Global Alliance for Tobacco Control
- InterAmerican Heart Foundation
- International Alliance of Women
- International Council of Nurses
- International Network of Women Against Tobacco
- International Pharmaceutical Federation
- International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- Smoke Free Partnership
- Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance
- Tobacco Control Research Group
- Tobacco Free Portfolios
- Union for International Cancer Control

- Vision Mondiale de la Santé
- Vital Strategies Inc.
- World Federation of Public Health Associations
- World Heart Federation
- World Medical Association.

## **Agenda item 7.1**

### **Improving the reporting system of the WHO FCTC**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling Article 21 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control which stipulates that “each Party shall submit to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, periodic reports on its implementation of this Convention”;

Further recalling decision FCTC/COP1(14), which provided the basis for the reporting arrangements under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), as well as decisions FCTC/COP2(9), FCTC/COP3(17), FCTC/COP4(16), FCTC/COP5(11) and FCTC/COP6(15) concerning further development of the reporting instrument;

Noting document FCTC/COP/10/13, which describes experience with the reporting under the Convention and contains a proposal, developed under the guidance of the Bureau, to improve the reporting system of the WHO FCTC;

Noting also document FCTC/COP/10/4, which describes global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC,

1. **DECIDES:** to adopt the revised reporting instrument of the WHO FCTC, contained in Annex 2 of document FCTC/COP/10/13;
2. **REQUESTS** the Convention Secretariat:
  - (a) to develop a new online reporting platform by incorporating the revised reporting instrument and features to make the platform as user-friendly as possible, and further testing it with the Parties, so that it may be used as of the next reporting cycle;
  - (b) to invite Parties to complete and submit their implementation reports, accordingly, in the period announced by the Convention Secretariat;
  - (c) to collaborate with the World Health Organization (WHO) to obtain data collected for the biennial WHO reports on the global tobacco epidemic to complement the information collected through the reporting instrument of the WHO FCTC in the assessment of progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC by the Parties;
  - (d) to continue reviewing official external sources of data that are relevant to tobacco control, with a view to exploring how such data may best inform the assessment of progress in the implementation of the WHO FCTC by the Parties.

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