



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION  
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL

FCTC/COP/10/28  
14 November 2023

Tenth session (*de minimis*)  
Geneva, Switzerland, 23–24 November 2023  
Provisional agenda item 12

---

## Suspension of the session

### Report by the Convention Secretariat

#### Purpose of the document

The present report informs the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention of Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) about the suspension of the Tenth session of the COP (COP10) at the closure of the *de minimis* virtual session so that COP10 may resume in-person in Panama at a later date. The present report is intended to enable the COP to take a decision in respect of the suspension of its session.

#### Action by the Conference of the Parties

The COP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision on the suspension of the session, as recommended by the Bureau.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): All SDGs; in particular, SDG 3 and Target 3.a.

Link to Workplan and Budget item: None.

Additional financial implications if not included in the Workplan and Budget: None.

Related document(s): Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; documents FCTC/COP/10/27 and FCTC/COP/10/1 Add.2.

## BACKGROUND

1. In the context of the postponement of the Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) due to security reasons communicated by Panama, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO FCTC approved arrangements for COP10 to be held during a *de minimis* virtual session, using videoconferencing technology. In order to ensure continuity of operations of the Convention Secretariat in respect of the Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2024–2025, this *de minimis* session will consider an abridged provisional agenda, as articulated in document FCTC/COP/10/1 Add.2.

2. COP10 will be resumed in person in Panama at a later date to consider the items on its provisional agenda and supplementary provisional agenda as articulated in documents FCTC/COP/10/1, FCTC/COP/10/1(annotated) and FCTC/COP/10/1 Add.1, and as informed by document FCTC/COP/10/1 Add.2. A decision of the COP will be necessary to suspend COP10 at the closure of the *de minimis* virtual session so that COP10 may resume in-person in Panama at a later date. In accordance with decision FCTC/COP9(11), the date shall be confirmed after agreement between the hosting Party and the COP Bureau, in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, and with the support of the Convention Secretariat.

## ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

3. The COP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision on the suspension of the session, as recommended by the Bureau.

ANNEX

**DRAFT DECISION:  
SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Having considered the report on the suspension of the Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control contained in document FCTC/COP/10/28;

Recalling decision FCTC/COP9(11) on the date and place of COP10,

DECIDES:

(a) that COP10 shall be suspended and shall resume at such date to be confirmed after agreement between the hosting Party and the COP Bureau, in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, and with the support of the Convention Secretariat;

(b) that all agenda items that have not been considered or have been considered on an interim basis at the *de minimis* virtual session of COP10, held between its opening on 23 November 2023 and its suspension no later than 24 November 2023, will be considered by the COP at its resumed in-person COP10 session.

(XX plenary meeting, November 2023)

= = =