



Second report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its second and third meetings on 19 November 2025, with Marcos Dotta (Uruguay) in the chair.

Committee B recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the attached decision related to the following agenda item:

6. Budgetary and institutional matters

6.1 Performance and progress reports

One decision entitled:

- Smoke- and aerosol-free United Nations

Agenda item 6.1

Smoke- and aerosol-free United Nations

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 63/8 on Smoke-free United Nations premises, which decided to implement a complete ban on smoking at United Nations Headquarters indoor premises and on sales of tobacco products at United Nations Headquarters premises, and recommended the implementation of a complete ban on smoking at all United Nations indoor premises, including regional and country offices throughout the United Nations system, and the implementation of a complete ban on sales of tobacco products at all United Nations premises;

Recalling further United Nations Economic and Social Council Resolution E/RES/2012/4 on United Nations system-wide coherence on tobacco control;

Mindful of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as Sustainable Development Goal target 3.a, which calls for strengthening implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) in all countries;

Recalling Article 8.2 of the WHO FCTC, which provides that each Party shall adopt and implement in areas of existing national jurisdiction as determined by national law and actively promote at other jurisdictional levels the adoption and implementation of effective legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures, providing for protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places;

Recalling also the Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO FCTC;

Emphasizing the importance of protecting the health and well-being of individuals in their working environments;

Noting with grave concern the serious harmful impact of second-hand smoke on non-smokers, including increased risks of disease, disability and premature death, and recognizing that such exposure in the workplace constitutes a fully preventable occupational health hazard;

Recalling decision FCTC/COP8(22), which recognizes that heated tobacco products (HTP) are tobacco products and are therefore subject to the provisions of the WHO FCTC;

Recognizing that exposure to emissions from electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS) also poses health risks to non-users;

Recognizing additionally that novel and emerging nicotine and tobacco products – which are increasingly popular among youth – present new challenges and constitute a barrier to effective implementation of tobacco control;

Acknowledging the important role of the United Nations in setting a global example by reducing the social acceptability of smoking, thus contributing to achieving the goal of a worldwide reduction in smoking prevalence, in all its forms;

Emphasizing the leadership role of the United Nations in promoting smoke-free workplaces at the local, national and international levels;

Reaffirming the commitment made by the Parties to the WHO FCTC in decision FCTC/COP10(11) to promote, in international and regional organizations in which they are represented, the adoption of a ban on the use of smoke- and aerosol-emitting tobacco and related products in indoor and outdoor premises, including headquarters, regional and country offices throughout the United Nations system;

Welcoming the continued efforts of the Convention Secretariat and of the World Health Organization (WHO) to advocate for smoke-free United Nations premises, as part of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (UNIATF), as noted in document FCTC/COP/11/12;

Reiterating the importance of strengthening synergies between the COP and United Nations and global agencies and initiatives for the implementation of the WHO FCTC, as emphasized in Strategic Objective 2.1 of the Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control: Advancing Sustainable Development through the Implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019–2030;

Reiterating further the need to develop mutually reinforcing approaches to implementing the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) 2013–2020, extended to 2030, through cooperation with members of UNIATF, the Global Coordination Mechanism for NCDs and other relevant initiatives, as stated in the Global Strategy,

1. REMINDS Parties of their obligations under Article 8 of the WHO FCTC;
2. URGES Parties:
 - (a) to advocate for the implementation of a complete ban on the use of tobacco products, including HTPs, and of novel and emerging nicotine products such as ENDS/ENNDS and other nicotine products (including nicotine pouches and disposable ENDS), at all United Nations indoor and outdoor premises, including headquarters, regional and country offices throughout the United Nations system;
 - (b) to advocate for the implementation of a complete ban on sales of tobacco products, and novel and emerging nicotine and tobacco products at all United Nations premises; and
 - (c) to coordinate efforts towards updating United Nations General Assembly Resolution 63/8 on Smoke-free United Nations premises by expanding the scope of the ban to the use of novel and emerging nicotine and tobacco products, at all United Nations indoor and outdoor premises;
3. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
 - (a) to provide support to the Parties in their efforts towards updating United Nations General Assembly Resolution 63/8 on Smoke-free United Nations premises; and
 - (b) to report at the Twelfth session of the COP on progress in the implementation of the present decision.