



Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties

Report by the Convention Secretariat

Purpose of the document

The present report provides information to the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on the election process for the President and Vice-Presidents of the COP, according to Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the COP.

Action by the Conference of the Parties

The COP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision to elect the officers who will constitute the Bureau for the following session of the COP.

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

Link to Workplan and Budget item: 4.2.4.

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.

Background

1. The election of officers of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) is governed by Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the COP. Before the end of the Eleventh session of the COP (COP11), the COP shall elect a President and five Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. These officers shall constitute the next Bureau of the COP. Each of the World Health Organization (WHO) regions shall be represented by one member of the Bureau.
2. The term of office of the members of the Bureau shall commence at the closure of COP11 and continue until the closure of the Twelfth session of the COP, including for any intervening extraordinary session.
3. The functions of the Bureau are set out in Rule 24ter of the Rules of Procedure of the COP.
4. WHO regions were encouraged to nominate their respective candidates to constitute the next Bureau of the COP as early as possible, and ideally before the opening of COP11.

Action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The COP is invited to note the present report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision.

Annex

Draft decision: Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties (COP), pursuant to Rule 21 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. ELECTS the following officers to constitute the Bureau of the COP:

President: (...)

Vice-Presidents: (...)

(...)

(...)

(...)

(...)

2. DECIDES that, of the five Vice-Presidents, the following should act as Rapporteur:

Rapporteur: (...)

(XXX plenary meeting, XX November 2025)
