



**Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**  
Second session, Geneva, Switzerland, 15–18 November 2021

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Time	Event
10:00–13:00	Second meetings of Committees A and B
14:00–17:00	Third meetings of Committees A and B
Immediately after conclusion of Committees A and B	Second Plenary meeting
<b>Regional meetings</b>	
08:00–09:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe
13:00–14:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
17:00–18:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
18:00–20:00	Regional group for the Americas
<b>Other meetings</b>	
17:30–18:30	Meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (closed)

## Programme of work

**Tuesday, 16 November 2021**

**Second and third meetings of Committee A** **10:00 and 14:00**

**Item 5** **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**  
(continued)

Item 5.1 Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance: progress in developing the Protocol  
(continued) implementation assistance strategy

*Document FCTC/MOP/2/8*

**Second and third meetings of Committee B** **10:00 and 14:00**

**Item 6** **Budgetary and institutional matters**  
(continued)

Item 6.1 Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources  
(continued)

*Document FCTC/MOP/2/9*

Item 6.3 Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023  
(continued)

*Documents FCTC/MOP/2/11 and FCTC/MOP/2/INF.DOC/1*

**Second Plenary meeting** **Immediately after conclusion of Committees A and B**

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

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

- Item 4.1 Working group on tracking and tracing systems (Article 8)
- Item 4.2 Assistance and cooperation

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

Document FCTC/MOP/2/B/R/1, containing 3 decisions entitled:

- Item 6.4 Investment Fund for implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
- Item 6.5 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat
- Item 6.6 Amendment of Declaration of Interest Form for Members of the Bureau and Regional Coordinators of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

**Item 1** **Opening of the session**  
(continued)

Item 1.2 – Credentials of participants  
(continued)

*Document FCTC/MOP/2/2*

- Election of the Officers of Committees A and B

## Report of meetings on Monday 15 November 2021

### First Plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Fernando Jácome (Ecuador)  
President of the Meeting of the Parties

The President opened the second session of the Meeting and informed the Parties that the opening ceremony would commence at 11:30.

#### Item 1 Opening of the session

- Item 1.3 – Special procedures for the conduct of the Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

Under this agenda item, Parties were invited to consider the special procedures as contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/3. Comments were invited from the floor. The Meeting noted the report and adopted the draft decision.

It was announced that, following recommendations by the Bureau, arrangements had been made to webcast the opening and closing ceremonies of MOP2. In addition, the MOP agreed that item 7: *Date and place of the Third Regular Session of the Meeting of the Parties* would also be webcasted.

- Item 1.1 – Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The President informed the Meeting that the MOP2 will consider an abridged version of the provisional agenda as contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/1 and further articulated in FCTC/MOP/2/1 (annotated). The draft decision was adopted and the agenda was approved.

It was agreed that Committee A would be entrusted with work on agenda items 4 and 5, and Committee B would focus on matters under agenda item 6. The remaining agenda items would be taken up in Plenary as follows:

- Item 1.2 *Credentials of participants*
- Item 2 *Applications for the status of observer to the MOP*
- Item 3 *Global Progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products*
- Item 7 *Date and place of the third regular session of the Meeting of the Parties*
- Item 8 *Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties*
- Item 9 *Adoption of the provisional report of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties*
- Item 10 *Closure of the session*

The following delegates were elected to the office of Chairpersons: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India) for Committee A, and Mr Hugo Richard Mayer (Austria) for Committee B. Ms Emily Karambu Muthaura (Kenya) and Dr José Ruales (Ecuador) were elected to the office of Vice-Chairpersons to Committee A.

In the absence of two candidates for the position of Vice-Chairpersons to Committee B, the President announced that work would commence based on the existing nominations. Parties were invited to meet to decide on additional candidacies from the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific regions.

**Item 1.2** – Credentials of participants

The President announced that in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the Bureau would examine the credentials of the Parties participating in this session and would report in writing to a subsequent Plenary meeting. The President recalled Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure.

**Item 2 Applications for the status of observers to the MOP**

In accordance with Rules 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure, the President informed the Meeting that 18 applications for observer status had been submitted to the Secretariat, as noted in document FCTC/MOP/2/4. Following the Bureau recommendation, the MOP decided to grant observer status:

- (a) to the two applying intergovernmental organizations: Mercosur Salud and World Customs Organization (WCO); and,
- (b) to the following eight nongovernmental organizations:

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Corporate Accountability, European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP), Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control (FCA), Smoke Free Partnership (SFP), Tobacco Control Research Group (TCRG), Tobacco Free Portfolios Ltd (TFP), and The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union).

The Bureau also reviewed applications from the following eight organizations: ASH Finland, International Tax Stamp Association, Latin American and Caribbean Parliament, Populace Foundation International, Pro Securitate Foundation, Progressive Reinforcement of Organizations and Individuals, Think Tank Africa WorldWide Group, Trust Protocol Association and recommended to reject the eight applications. The Meeting agreed with the recommendations and observer status was rejected for all eight organizations.

**Item 3 Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

Under item 3 *Global progress in implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products*, delegations were invited to submit video statements in lieu of live interventions. The President reminded the Meeting that no general debate would follow this agenda item.

**Item 1 Opening of the session**  
(continued)

– Opening remarks

The President invited Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the WHO, to address the Meeting. The President thanked the Director-General for his message and for his support of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.

At the invitation of the President, Dr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organization, followed by the Head of the WHO FCTC Secretariat, Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo, addressed the Meeting. As President of the MOP, Mr Fernando Jácome delivered his address to the Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

## First meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India)

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced Ms Emily Karambu Murhaura (Kenya) and Dr José Ruales (Ecuador) as the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

It was proposed that the Committee take the agenda items sequentially, commencing with item 4: Protocol instruments and technical matters, and item 5: Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation, as designated in the agenda which was adopted in the first Plenary meeting. This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

### **Item 4 Protocol instruments and technical matters**

- Item 4.1 – Tracking and tracing systems, including the global information-sharing focal point and unique identification markings for cigarette packets and packages (Article 8 of the Protocol): report by the working group

The Committee was invited to consider the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/6 and the draft decision as contained in the annex of the document.

One of the Key Facilitators of the Working Group on Tracking and Tracing was invited to make some introductory remarks regarding the report of the Working Group. The item was then opened for discussion.

At the invitation of the Chair, one of the Key Facilitators as well as the Secretariat, responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and approved the draft decision, as presented in document FCTC/MOP/2/6.

- Item 4.2 – Assistance and cooperation: report by the working group

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/7 and consider the draft decision as contained in the annex of document. The Chair then gave the floor to one of the Key Facilitators of the Working Group on Assistance and Cooperation to introduce their report.

Chair invited comments from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The report was noted, and the draft decision approved with a minor amendment. The agenda item was closed.

### **Item 5 Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**

- Item 5.1 – Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance: progress in developing the Protocol implementation assistance strategy

The Committee was invited to note the report and consider the draft decision contained in document: FCTC/MOP/2/8. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. At the invitation of the Chair, the Secretariat responded to comments concerning the proposed amendments to the draft decision.

The Chair proposed that the draft decision be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and a revised version of the text, taking into account the proposed amendments, will be made available to Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned.

## First meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Mr Hugo Richard Mayer (Austria)

The Chair opened the meeting and invited the delegations of the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific regions to nominate representatives for the two Vice-Chair positions of Committee B.

### **Item 6      Budgetary and institutional matters**

#### **Item 6.1      – Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources**

The agenda item was opened and the Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/9 and approve the draft decision contained in the annex.

At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat provided an update to the list of Parties in arrears. The Secretariat reported that Senegal and Spain had paid their contributions subsequent to the finalization of the list under paragraph 28 of document FCTC/MOP/2/9 and should be considered no longer in arrears.

Comments were invited from the floor and the report was noted. The Chair then invited comments on the draft decision contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/2/9. A Party requested to defer the discussion of the draft decision to permit a review of the text in order to potentially synergize the language with the COP9 decision: Assessed Contributions adopted under agenda item 6.3 of the COP9. Following the agreement of the Committee, the Chair postponed the discussion on the draft decision in agenda item 6.1 to a later date.

#### **Item 6.2      – Performance and Progress reports**

(a) Performance report of the 2018–2019 Workplan and Budget

(b) Interim performance report for the 2020–2021 Workplan and Budget

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to note the reports Performance report on the 2018–2019 Workplan and Budget, and Interim performance report for the 2020–2021 Workplan and Budget, as contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/10/REV.1. Comments were then invited from the floor.

The Committee noted the reports and the agenda item was closed.

#### **Item 6.3      – Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023**

The Committee was invited to note the report contained in annexes 1, 2 and 3 of document FCTC/MOP/2/11 and the draft decision contained in the white paper provided to Parties under this agenda item. The floor was opened for discussion.

Following a request from the floor, the Chair proposed that discussion of the draft decision be suspended. The Committee agreed to continue discussion of this item at its next meeting.

#### **Item 6.4      – Convention Secretariat's fundraising strategies: Investment fund concept proposal**

The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/12 and to consider the draft decision contained in annex 2 of the document. The floor was opened for discussion.

A number of changes were proposed by the Parties to the draft decision in annex 2 of document FCTC/MOP/2/12 as well as to annex 1 in order to have full correspondence with the COP9 decision under its agenda item. The Chair invited the Committee to first consider the proposed amendments to the draft decision, followed by the proposed amendments to annex 1.

The Convention Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The draft decision was approved, as amended, and the agenda item was closed.

Item 6.5 – Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: Report by the Bureau

The Committee was invited to note the report and to approve the draft decision contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/2/13.

The President of the Meeting of the Parties was invited to address the Committee on the contents of the Report. The Chair then opened the floor for comments.

The report was noted and the draft decision approved. The agenda item was closed.

Item 6.6 – Declaration of Interest for Members of the Bureau and Regional Coordinators of the Meeting of the Parties

The agenda item was opened and the Committee was invited to note the report in document FCTC/MOP/2/14 including the recommendation of the Bureau to amend the Declaration of Interest form as contained in annex 1 and to consider approving the draft decision contained in annex 2.

The floor was opened for discussion. The report was noted and the draft decision was approved.

The meeting was adjourned

## MOP2 WHO FCTC App

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## Announcements

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Parties and observers are invited to submit video statements which shall be broadcast in lieu of a live intervention, except the video statements under agenda item 3: Global Progress Report which will be posted on the MOP2 website without broadcasting. When submitting please specify, both in the subject line of the email and at the top of the attached statement, the name of the country/group, the meeting (for example, Plenary, Committee A or Committee B) and the number of the relevant agenda item (COUNTRY NAME\_Committee A\_Agenda Item X). Technical specificities and comprehensive guidelines for the pre-recorded video statements and how those shall be submitted are available on the [MOP2 webpage](#). Delegations wishing to make their intervention via video statement in lieu of a live intervention must request the floor by raising their hand within the platform. Please e-mail the text of your intervention to [interpret@who.int](mailto:interpret@who.int).



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The requirements for connecting to the virtual meetings include a personal computer with the latest version of the virtual meeting software and a good Internet connection. A high-quality headset with echo-cancelling microphones and a webcam are required in order to make interventions during the meetings. It is recommended to use a quiet, soundproof room for participation in the virtual meetings.

Test sessions will be available prior to the actual sessions of the MOP. The timing of test sessions will be included in the communication sent to participants following their registration. Participants are requested to conduct a test of their equipment and connections during one of the available test sessions prior to the beginning of the MOP. For the test session, it is important that you use the same equipment and location that will be used during the virtual meetings of MOP2.

In order to avoid sound interference, which can impede the work of the interpreters, all participants will be muted. When a participant is given the floor, he/she will receive a message notifying them that the host wants to unmute him/her. This needs to be accepted.

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## List of Participants

A provisional list of participants was posted on the WHO FCTC website at the opening of the session. This list was issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 on Sunday, 14 November 2021. A revised list will be issued at a later date.

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