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Time	Event
10:00–13:00	Third Plenary meeting

Regional meetings

08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean
13:00–14:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)

Other meetings

30 minutes after the closure of Plenary	Meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (closed)
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Programme of work

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Third Plenary meeting	10:00
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- **Second report of Committee A (Draft)**
Document FCTC/MOP/2/A/R/2, containing one decision entitled:
 - Item 5.1 Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance
- **Second report of Committee B (Draft)**
Document FCTC/MOP/2/B/R/2, containing two decisions entitled:
 - Item 6.1 Assessed contributions
 - Item 6.3 Workplan and budget for the financial period 2022–2023
- Item 8 Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Meeting of the Parties**
Document FCTC/MOP/2/16
- Item 9 Adoption of the Provisional Report of the Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties**
Document FCTC/MOP/2/17
- Item 7 Date and place of the Third Regular Session of the Meeting of the Parties**
Document FCTC/MOP/2/15
- Item 10 Closure of the session**

Report of meetings on Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Second meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India)

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

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

As discussion resumed under this agenda item, the Chair invited the Convention Secretariat to read out the text of the white paper, which incorporated the amendments proposed to the draft decision during the first session of Committee A. The floor was opened for comments. The Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The decision was approved as amended, bringing to an end the work of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Mr Hugo Richard Mayer (Austria)

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced Dr Samra Mazhar (Pakistan) and Dr Leausa Take Naseri (Samoa) as the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

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

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

As discussion resumed on this item, the Chair invited comments from the floor. Proposed changes to the draft decision, as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/2/9, were noted. The Convention Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Chair briefly suspended discussion of the item and requested that the Convention Secretariat prepare a revised version of the text, taking into account the proposed amendments.

Discussion resumed and the Chair invited the Convention Secretariat to read out the changes made to the draft decision. The draft decision was approved as amended, thus closing the agenda item.

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

As discussion resumed on this item, the Chair invited comments from the floor on the Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023 as contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/11 and related document FCTC/MOP/2/INF.DOC./1. The Convention Secretariat made clarifications in response to issues raised.

The Committee was then invited to consider the draft decision and its annexes as contained in the white paper under the agenda item. The Convention Secretariat responded to queries received from the floor.

The draft decision was approved, as amended. The agenda item was closed, thus concluding the work of the Committee. The meeting adjourned.

Second Plenary meeting

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

First report of Committee A (Draft)

The Chair of Committee A (Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan [India]) presented the draft first report of Committee A, document draft FCTC/MOP/2/A/R/1 containing two decisions entitled:

- *Working group on tracking and tracing systems (Article 8)*
- *Assistance and cooperation*

The first report of Committee A was approved and the decisions contained therein were adopted.

First report of Committee B (Draft)

The Chair of Committee B (Mr Hugo Richard Mayer [Austria]) presented the draft first report of Committee B, document draft FCTC/MOP/2/B/R/1 containing three decisions entitled:

- *Investment Fund for implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products*
- *Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat*
- *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*

The first report of Committee B was approved and the decisions contained therein were adopted.

Item 1

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Opening of the session

Item 1.2

(continued)

- Credentials of participants

The President invited the Meeting to consider the report contained in document FCTC/MOP/2/2 which was prepared in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure. The Convention Secretariat confirmed that document FCTC/MOP/2/2 reflected the final status of the credentials. Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The report was adopted and the Meeting accepted the credentials contained in the annex of the report.

- Election of the Officers of Committees A and B

The President invited the Meeting to consider the proposals received for the nominations for the Officers of the Committees.

Committee A: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India) was elected Chairperson. Ms Emily Karambu Muthaura (Kenya) and Dr José Ruales (Ecuador) were elected Vice-Chairpersons.

Committee B: Dr Hugo Richard Mayer (Austria) was elected Chairperson. Dr Samra Mazhar (Pakistan) and Dr Leausa Take Naseri (Samoa) were elected Vice-Chairpersons.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Procedural issues

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Following online registration, participants will receive a communication with personal links to connect to the virtual meetings of the plenary session and committees. The personal links must not be shared with anyone else. The message will also include information on test sessions and support.

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.

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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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