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**DECISION**

**FCTC/COP8(13) Hosting arrangements between the Convention Secretariat and WHO**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling decision FCTC/COP1(10) on the establishment of a permanent secretariat of the Convention, by which the Convention Secretariat was established “within the World Health Organization and located in Geneva”;

Reaffirming the COP’s decision that the Head of the Convention Secretariat shall be responsible and accountable to the COP for the delivery of treaty and technical activities and shall submit reports on its activities to the COP, copied to the Director-General of WHO, as appropriate, and that the Head of the Convention Secretariat shall be responsible and accountable to the Director-General of WHO on administrative and staff management matters and also on technical activities where appropriate;

Recalling that the COP established that the Convention Secretariat shall conduct a work programme based on Article 24.3 of the Convention, as well as Articles 21.3, 22.2, and 23.5 thereof, and any additional tasks assigned to it by the COP, according to priorities and within budgetary allocations agreed by the COP;

Recalling also that the COP decided that the Convention Secretariat shall cooperate with relevant WHO departments on implementation of the Convention, with a view to ensuring transparency, efficiency, cost–effectiveness and avoidance of duplication;

Recalling further decision FCTC/COP7(20), which requested the Bureau of the COP to oversee and guide the preparation of the draft hosting terms between the Convention Secretariat and WHO, as well as their subsequent conclusion;

Emphasizing the unique status of the Convention Secretariat as a treaty body hosted within WHO;

Taking note of the progress report of the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/COP/8/14,

1. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to work with WHO to ensure that the hosting terms reflect the overarching primacy of the COP in relation to the work programme of the Convention Secretariat, according to priorities and within budgetary allocations agreed by the COP;
2. REQUESTS the Bureau of the COP to oversee and guide the preparation of the draft hosting terms between the Convention Secretariat and WHO, as well as their subsequent conclusion, in accordance with the institutional set-up described in decision FCTC/COP1(10);
3. INVITES WHO to prioritize and facilitate administrative and financial procedures necessary to give effect to the decisions of the COP.

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