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ON TOBACCO CONTROL

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WHO Framework Convention  
on Tobacco Control**

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## **DECISION**

**FCTC/COP8(14) Coordination among the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recognizing the important role of the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Protocol) to provide guidance and policy direction on the implementation of the two treaties;

Reaffirming the need to ensure policy coherence through a coordinated policy-making process between the governing bodies under the two treaties;

Acknowledging the need to restructure the Convention Secretariat to better serve the two treaties and their governing bodies, building on the existing structure of the Convention Secretariat;

Mindful that learning from the experience of other conventions and treaties on the coordination among governing bodies under the conventions and their protocols and agreements will be beneficial to governing bodies of the WHO FCTC and the Protocol;

Taking note of COP report FCTC/COP8/28 and MOP report FCTC/MOP/1/15,

1. DECIDES to establish as a formal requirement for Parties hosting a regular session of the COP to also host a session of the MOP immediately following the COP at the same geographic location and under the same circumstances, regardless of whether or not the host Party is also a Party to the Protocol;
2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
  - (a) to gather experience from other treaty governing bodies of conventions and their protocols and update Bureaus of the COP and MOP on the findings;

- (b) to explore and implement possible approaches to facilitate coordination as presented in the document under the guidance of the Bureaus elected by the COP and MOP;
- (c) to report on progress at the Second session of the MOP and the Ninth session of the COP;

3. INVITES the Director-General of the World Health Organization:

- (a) to note recommendations of the Bureaus elected by the COP and the MOP and to facilitate the proposal for restructuring of the Convention Secretariat, including but not limited to human resource issues and related matters.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 6 October 2018)

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