



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

**Conference of the Parties to the
WHO Framework Convention
on Tobacco Control**

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DECISION

**FCTC/COP8(15) Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol
to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recognizing the work carried out by the Convention Secretariat to promote the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Protocol) since its adoption in decision FCTC/COP5(1);

Recalling decision FCTC/COP6(6) mandating the Convention Secretariat to establish a Panel of Experts on the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Panel of Experts);

Recognizing the contribution of WHO, including its regional offices, in the promotion of the Protocol;

Recalling decision FCTC/COP7(6) requesting the Panel of Experts to intensify its work and establishing priorities for its work;

Noting with satisfaction and appreciation the outcome of the work of the Panel of Experts and welcoming the reports in documents FCTC/COP/8/5 and FCTC/COP/8/6,

1. CALLS UPON all Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) that have not done so, to ratify, accept, approve, formally confirm or accede to the Protocol at the earliest opportunity, with a view to a more comprehensive membership of the Protocol;
2. CALLS UPON all Parties to the WHO FCTC:
 - (a) to advocate and support the ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or accession to the Protocol as well as its promotion, including at appropriate fora such as the World Customs Organization (WCO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Bank and other relevant international organizations of which they are members;

- (b) to ensure, as appropriate, the coherent implementation of the provisions of the Convention and the Protocol, taking care in particular that the rules on packaging and labelling are applied in a manner compatible with the provisions on product traceability;

3. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:

- (a) to continue to promote, as a priority, the ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or accession to the Protocol;
- (b) to continue its engagement with relevant international intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations in order to support the ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or accession to and the implementation of the Protocol;
- (c) to report, in consultation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, on progress in terms of the number of Parties to the Protocol and implementation of the Protocol to each session of the COP.

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