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WHO Framework Convention  
on Tobacco Control**

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## **DECISION**

**FCTC/COP8(5) Convention Secretariat's fundraising strategies: Investment fund concept**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling Articles 5.6 (General obligations) and 26 (Financial resources) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC);

Recognizing the importance of financial resources to support the implementation of the WHO FCTC;

Recalling that at its seventh session the COP emphasized the need for the Convention Secretariat to raise funds in decision FCTC/COP7(25), and to consider various funding options, including the possibility for an international fund for tobacco control;

Having considered the Convention Secretariat's report contained in document FCTC/COP/8/18,

1. DECIDES to task the Convention Secretariat, subject to the availability of extra-budgetary contributions, in consultation with expert advisers, including those from the World Bank and WHO, to further expand on, and make recommendations for, the establishment and operation of a WHO FCTC investment fund, and report to the Ninth session of the COP on the following:
  - (a) objectives and guiding principles of the investment fund;
  - (b) governance and institutional arrangements for the investment fund, including the relationship to the COP, the Bureau and the Convention Secretariat;
  - (c) legal status of the investment fund and its rules of procedures;
  - (d) rules for and functions of the investment fund hosting agency;
  - (e) definition of expected administrative costs;
  - (f) description of possible operational modalities;
  - (g) ensuring coherence with Article 5.3 of the Convention, decision FCTC/COP7(25);
  - (h) rules for financial reporting, and for conflict resolution;
  - (i) monitoring and evaluation;
  - (j) applicable fiduciary standards and accountability mechanisms;

- (k) mechanisms for withdrawal from or the termination of the investment fund;
  - (l) legal, financial, governance or any other potential safeguards for the COP, including matters on liability;
2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to submit a report to the Ninth session of the COP in order for the COP to decide whether to launch the investment fund.

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