



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(6) Relationship of the Convention Secretariat with other international entities

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling Article 24.3(e) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHOFCTC) and Article 34.2(e) of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products on the Convention Secretariat's function to ensure coordination with competent international and regional intergovernmental organizations and other bodies;

Recalling also decision FCTC/COP7(19) of the Seventh session of the COP on the relationship of the Convention Secretariat with other international entities on observer status;

Noting the work of the Convention Secretariat on international cooperation in general and with regard to observer status to international intergovernmental organizations (IGOs);

Recognizing the important work of the Convention Secretariat to promote the implementation of the "Model policy for agencies of the United Nations system on preventing tobacco industry interference";

Recognizing also the important role of participating in the governing body meetings of IGOs in promoting the profile and visibility of the WHO FCTC,

1. CALLS UPON Parties to promote tobacco control policy coherence in the governing bodies of the relevant IGOs, including the International Labour Organization (ILO);
2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
 - (a) to continue its efforts in international cooperation aimed at obtaining observer status to the governing bodies of IGOs indicated in decision FCTC/COP7(19) and follow up with those that have not responded;
 - (b) to prioritize its attendance at the most relevant meetings of IGOs' governing bodies;

- (c) to seek to engage with international entities that have not granted the Convention Secretariat observer status, as appropriate;
 - (d) to inform Parties of any relevant developments at the next session of the COP under the international collaboration agenda point;
3. INVITES WHO to consider including Convention Secretariat staff in its delegations to relevant meetings of international entities.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 6 October 2018)

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