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ON TOBACCO CONTROL

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

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**DECISION**

**FCTC/COP7(17) Review of accreditation of intergovernmental organizations  
with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Taking into account 16th and 18th preambular paragraphs, Articles 5.3 and 22 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC);

Recognizing the important contribution of intergovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties to support the implementation of the WHO FCTC at global, regional and national levels;

Acknowledging the participation and contribution of intergovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties to the proceedings and outcome of the COP;

Recalling the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in A/RES/66/2, which recognizes the fundamental conflict of interest between the tobacco industry and public health;

Emphasizing the need for the COP to be informed on the activities that intergovernmental organization observers to the COP are undertaking;

Having considered the report FCTC/COP/7/29 submitted by the Convention Secretariat;

**DECIDES:**

1. to request the Convention Secretariat:
  - (a) to survey intergovernmental organizations with observer status to the COP, using the questionnaire in Annex 2 of document FCTC/COP/7/29 to identify governing body endorsements, relevant action in supporting the implementation of the treaty, unresolved, real or perceived conflicts of interests with the tobacco industry, and direct or indirect involvement with the tobacco industry, which could lead to potential interference from the tobacco industry in the implementation of the Convention;

- (b) to report back to COP8 on their activities to support the implementation of the treaty and on any concerns raised in regard to conflicts of interest, so that COP8 may consider whether further action is required;
- 2. to invite any intergovernmental organizations that have been identified by the survey as having no formal endorsement from their governing bodies to seek an endorsement and to resubmit their application in accordance with their internal rules and established procedures;
- 3. to invite intergovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties to support the implementation of the WHO FCTC and consider adopting their own policies to prevent tobacco industry interference;
- 4. to encourage intergovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties to participate in the sessions of the COP as a key means of exercising their rights as observers.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 12 November 2016)

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