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ON TOBACCO CONTROL

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WHO Framework Convention
on Tobacco Control**

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DECISION

FCTC/COP7(7) Impact assessment of the WHO FCTC

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling decision FCTC/COP6(13) that requested an impact assessment of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and called for the establishment of an independent expert group to conduct the assessment;

Noting with satisfaction the outcome of the work of the expert group contained in document FCTC/COP/7/6 and thankful for the work carried out by the expert group and for the cooperation of the 12 Parties that participated in the assessment;

Recognizing that impact assessments can be an important component of the work of the Parties at any stage in their implementation of the Convention in promoting strong measures and full and comprehensive implementation of the Convention at the national level;

Recalling other activities implemented under the COP work plan that also contribute to and assist Parties in their implementation of the Convention, and the possible linkages between an impact assessment and the country assistance framework developed by the COP;

1. INVITES Parties:

- (a) to consider evaluating on a regular basis the impact of WHO FCTC implementation in their jurisdictions as part of their overall implementation of the Convention;
- (b) to assess their progress towards fully implementing the provisions of the WHO FCTC, when evaluating the impact of their tobacco control measures;
- (c) to consider the need to conduct another impact assessment of the WHO FCTC in 5 to 10 years, and regional assessments, as necessary;

2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
- (a) to disseminate further the findings of the impact assessment by promoting the preparation of scientific papers and publications, as appropriate;
 - (b) to publish a series of fact sheets summarizing the lessons learnt during the 12 country visits carried out by the expert group during the development of the impact assessment;
 - (c) to make the details of the methodology used in the impact assessment study available in order to support Parties in undertaking their own national impact assessments and to make available, upon the request of Parties, technical assistance to conduct such national impact assessments;
 - (d) to assess the impact of the WHO FCTC in the Parties' comprehensive tobacco control efforts during any needs assessment exercise.

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