



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION  
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

**Meeting of the Parties to the  
Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade  
in Tobacco Products**

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**10 October 2018**

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## **DECISION**

**FCTC/MOP1(9) Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate  
Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

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 by 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);

Recalling also 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/MOP/1/6 and FCTC/MOP/1/7,

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;

1. CALLS UPON all Parties to the WHO FCTC to advocate and support the implementation of the Protocol, including at appropriate forums of the World Customs Organization (WCO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank and other relevant international organizations of which they are members;

2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:

(a) to continue to promote, as a priority, the ratification or accession of the Protocol as well as its implementation;

- (b) to develop a database of experts, including from Parties, and institutions that can provide Parties, upon request, with technical and legal advice, including on customs, free zones and international transit (Article 12), tax administration and enforcement, and facilitate exchanges of information, experiences and challenges among Parties, as well as through coordination with IGOs and other relevant organizations in accordance with Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC, to implement effective coordination on these issues, including on existing best practices and opportunities in implementation of the provisions of the Protocol;
- (c) to continue its engagement with WHO and other relevant international intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to support the implementation of the Protocol;
- (d) to support the Working Group established by decision (FCTC/MOP1(6)), specifically with a view to put into place a road map for the setting up and implementation of tracking and tracing systems as outlined in Article 8, including the global information-sharing focal point (Article 8.1) and unique identification markings on packets and packages of cigarettes and other tobacco products (Article 8.3) in order to specify follow-up steps;
- (e) to report on the activities carried out to the Second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.

(Second plenary meeting, 10 October 2018)

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