



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

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

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First report of Committee B

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At its first plenary meeting on 8 October 2018, the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products elected the following officers to Committee B: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India) as Chairperson and Mr Andreas Weinseiss (Austria) and Mr Lundeg Purevsuren (Mongolia) as Vice-Chairpersons.

Committee B held its first meeting on 8 October 2018.

Committee B recommends to the Parties to the Protocol the adoption of the attached decision related to the following agenda item:

6. Coordination between the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol
 - 6.1 Coordination among the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

One decision

Agenda item 6.1

Coordination among the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Recognizing the important role of the governing bodies of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (the Protocol) to provide guidance and policy directions on the implementation of the two treaties;

Reaffirming the need to ensure policy coherence through a coordinated policy-making process between the governing bodies under the two treaties;

Acknowledging the need to restructure the Convention Secretariat to better serve the two treaties and their governing bodies, building on the existing structure of the Convention Secretariat;

Mindful that learning from the experience of other conventions and treaties on the coordination among governing bodies under the conventions and their protocols and agreements will be beneficial to governing bodies of the WHO FCTC and the Protocol;

Taking note of the report contained in the Conference of the Parties (COP) document FCTC/COP8/28 and the report contained in the MOP document FCTC/MOP/1/15,

1. DECIDES to establish as a formal requirement for Parties hosting a regular session of the COP to also host a session of the MOP immediately following the COP at the same geographical location and under the same circumstances, regardless of whether the host Party is a Party to the Protocol;
2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat:
 - (a) to gather experience from other treaty governing bodies of the conventions and their protocols and update the Bureaus of the COP and the MOP on the findings;
 - (b) to explore and implement possible approaches to facilitate coordination, as presented in the document, under the guidance of the Bureaus elected by the COP and the MOP;
 - (c) to report on progress at the Second session of the MOP and the Ninth session of the COP;
3. INVITES the Director-General of WHO to note recommendations of the Bureaus elected by the COP and the MOP and to facilitate the proposal for restructuring of the Convention Secretariat, including but not limited to human resources issues and related matters.

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