

DataCol Extranet: Report of NGO observers to COP 2020

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Section: General Information

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\* Please indicate if your organization would like to retain it's status as observer to the Conference of the Parties

\* Yes  
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\* Does your organizations mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?

\* No  
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\* If yes, please specify:

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\* Does your organization have regional branches to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?

\* No  
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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?

\* Yes  
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\* If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* ICN organises a biennial congress, which is attended by more than 5,000 nurses around the world. It regularly has a main session on noncommunicable disease that includes strong tobacco control component. There are hundreds of concurrent session abstracts that include topics on tobacco control.

Section: Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

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\* Please indicate the meetings organized by the Convention Secretariat at which your organization was represented (sessions of the Conference of the Parties, meetings of intersessional groups, NGO meetings, etc.):

\* ICN attended the Eighth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the WHO FCTC in October 2018

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\* Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization:

\* ICN attended the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) at WHO headquarters on 5 March 2020

Section: Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC:

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\* Article 5 (General obligations)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* Staff on the policy team are members of Global Bridges European tobacco control which allows ICN to connect with colleagues who treat tobacco dependence and work toward policy change

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\* Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* ICN implements smoke-free policy at the ICN office and all events organised by ICN. ICN also encourages member national nurses associations to adopt a smoke free policy within their premises, meetings and other events.

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\* Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* ICN develops, updates and disseminates related publications including ICN position statements:

[https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/inline-files/A18\\_Tobacco\\_Use\\_Health.pdf](https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/inline-files/A18_Tobacco_Use_Health.pdf)

Please note that we are in the process of reviewing and updating this PS to reflect current evidence.

ICN has partnered with the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care to deliver an education workshop on cancer care for nurses in several low-middle income countries.

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\* Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* The role of nurses in tobacco control is well evidenced and ICN works to support nurses to perform at their highest potential. As a participant of the WHO NCD/GCM, ICN works to build the capacity & capability of the nursing profession to support global efforts to prevent, control & manage NCDs in all settings & at all service levels. ICN continues to contribute to the implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020 and lobby governments to ensure effective implementation of the plan including the tobacco related nursing interventions to reduce NCD risk factors as recommended actions. ICN was actively involved in providing recommendations to support the WHO High-level Commission on NCDs, established in advance of the 73rd UNGA to identify ways to reduce mortality & improve life expectancy from NCDs. ICN President was appointed as a Commissioner.

ICN is also on the Steering Committee for the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health. This coalition brings together international, regional and national stakeholders in circulatory health to drive the urgent action needed to combat heart disease and stroke. A key priority for this group is develop strategies and actions to reduce smoking prevalence and uptake.

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\* Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 19 (Liability)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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\* Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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ICN organised its biennial congress in Singapore in June 2019, which was attended by over 5,300 nurses from around the globe. One of the main sessions focused on Tobacco Control, Health Promotion and Prevention Strategies. Prof. Sophia Chan, Secretary for Food and Health, Hong Kong, presented to the audience the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's policy to discourage smoking, contain the proliferation of tobacco use and minimise the impact of passive smoking on the public.

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\* Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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Section: Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

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\* Please provide any other relevant information:

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\* Please attach any other relevant file(s)

## Section: Declarations

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\* Please confirm that your organization does not receive, has not received and will not receive in the future, either directly or indirectly, any financial or other contributions or assistance from the tobacco industry or its affiliates. Please also confirm that neither your members nor your partners are affiliated directly or indirectly with the tobacco industry or its affiliates or those furthering the interests of the tobacco industry.

\* Yes

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\* By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.

\* Howard Catton, Chief Executive Officer, International Council of Nurses, 2 June 2020

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\* Please confirm that the activities of your organization are in conformity with the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

\* Yes