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# JOURNAL

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Time	Event	Room
10:00–13:00	Committee A – Fifth meeting	Executive Board Room
10:00–13:00	Committee B – Fourth meeting	Salle A, first floor
15:00–18:00	Second Plenary meeting	Executive Board Room

**Regional meetings**

08:15–09:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (closed)	Salle C, fifth floor
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa	Salle A, first floor
08:30–09:45	Regional group for the Americas	Salle B, third floor
08:45–09:45	Regional group for South-East Asia	Room E110, SS1
09:00–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific	Room 6056, sixth floor
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe	Salle C, fifth floor
13:30–14:30	European Union Coordination Meeting	Salle C, fifth floor

**Other meetings**

12:30–13:00	Press conference	Library meeting room, SS1
	<b>Side event:</b>	
13:30–14:30	Experiences in the implementation of tracking and tracing systems	Executive Board Room

## Programme of work

### Wednesday, 10 October 2018

#### Fifth meeting Committee A

10:00 – Executive Board Room

#### Item 4 (continued) Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation

- Item 4.1 (continued) – Reporting and information sharing under the Protocol

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/7 and FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 3*

#### Item 5 (continued) Protocol instruments and technical matters

- Item 5.5 (continued) – International assistance and cooperation

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/13, FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 2 and FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 3*

- Item 5.6 (continued) – Mutual administrative and legal assistance

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/14 and FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 3*

#### Fourth meeting Committee B

10:00 – Salle A, first floor

#### Item 7 (continued) Budgetary and institutional matters

- Item 7.1bis (continued) – Maximizing transparency of delegations from Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

*Document FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf.Paper No. 2*

- Item 7.2 (continued) – Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/18 and FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf.Paper No. 1*

- Item 7.3 (continued) – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018–2019

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/19 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/1*

- Item 7.4 (continued) – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2020–2021

*Documents FCTC/MOP/1/20 and FCTC/MOP/1/INF.DOC/2*

**Second Plenary meeting**

**15:00 – Executive Board Room**

- **First report of Committee A (Draft)**  
Document FCTC/MOP/1/A/R/1, containing 1 decision entitled:
  - Item 4.2 Cooperation with competent international and regional intergovernmental organizations, including financial and development institutions
  
- **Second report of Committee A (Draft)**  
Document FCTC/MOP/1/A/R/2, containing 4 decisions entitled:
  - Item 5.2 Tracking and tracing systems, including the global information-sharing focal point and unique identification markings for cigarette packets and packages
  - Item 5.3 Timelines for evidence-based research (Articles 6.5 and 13.2)
  - Item 5.4 Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance
  - Item 3 Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
  
- **First report of Committee B (Draft)**  
Document FCTC/MOP/1/B/R/1, containing 1 decision entitled:
  - 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
  
- **Second report of Committee B (Draft)**  
Document FCTC/MOP/1/B/R/2, containing 3 decisions entitled:
  - Item 6.2 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat and renewal of the term of office
  - Item 7.1 Assessed contributions
  - Item 7.5 Visual identity of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
  
- Item 8** **Date and place of the second regular session of the Meeting of the Parties**  
*Document FCTC/MOP/1/22*
  
- Item 9** **Adoption of the provisional report of the First session of the Meeting of the Parties**  
*Document FCTC/MOP/1/23*
  
- Item 10** **Closure of the session**

## Report of meetings on Tuesday 9 October 2018

### Second meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Ernest Zotoua (Cote d'Ivoire)

The Chair opened the meeting and provided the Parties with a report on the progress made during the first meeting of the Committee. The Parties agreed with the Chair's proposal to consider the Committee's agenda items in the following order: items 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 followed by 4.1.

The Secretariat announced that provision would be made for State non-Parties, who were currently seated in an overflow room, to make interventions during the session.

#### **Item 5 Protocol instruments and technical matters**

(continued)

- Item 5.2 (continued) – Establishment of tracking and tracing systems, including the global information-sharing focal point (Article 8)

The Chair reopened the agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision as contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 1 Rev. 1 which was proposed by the informal drafting group. Comments were invited from the floor. At the request of one Party, the European Union provided some clarification on data protection and confidentiality. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Legal Counsel provided some clarification concerning the exclusion of Articles 6.5 and 13.2 from this discussion.

The Chair invited the Secretariat to read out the various proposed amendments to the draft decision which was adopted as amended.

- Item 5.3 – Timelines for evidence-based research (Articles 6.5 and 13.2)

The Chair opened the agenda item and asked the Committee to consider the draft decision as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/11. The floor was opened for discussion. Following Party interventions concerning reporting timelines, the Secretariat provided some explanatory remarks and read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision. The draft decision was approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Second meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India)

### Item 7 (continued) **Budgetary and institutional matters**

Item 7.3  
(continued) – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018–2019

The Chair opened the Committee and commenced with consideration of agenda item 7.3. The Secretariat responded to questions raised on how the assessed contributions were calculated. Pending consideration of a draft decision for the proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018-2019, the Chair informed the Committee that discussion of this item would resume at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Item 7.2  
(continued) – Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources

The Secretariat announced that the document FCTC/MOP/1 Conf. Paper No.1 entitled *Scale and mechanism of assessed contributions and other resources* was issued based on a proposal of the European Union. As a point of clarification, it was further explained that the Committee was invited to agree on the scale of assessments for assessed contributions of Parties. The Chair then invited comments from the floor.

Parties requested additional time to consult with their capital before endorsing adoption of the decision and in the meantime agreed to continue the review of the text. The Secretariat incorporated proposed revisions from the floor and took note of necessary corrections for further action.

The Legal Officer proposed that a white paper be produced for the Committee's consideration, indicating the amendments to the text. This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

The agenda item remains open pending processing of the draft decision and will be considered at the next meeting once a revised version of the text, taking into account the numerous proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

Item 7.4 – Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2020–2021

The Chair opened this item and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat explained that this version is a modification of the of the white paper, distributed to the Parties on the previous day, taking into account discussions in Committee A. Comments were invited from the floor.

The Secretariat responded to issues raised concerning the main activities by the Secretariat to be implemented during the biennium and the different scenarios for staff funding.

The Chair suggested that consideration of this item resume pending receipt of the outcome of discussions in Committee A. A revised version will be presented to the Committee, leaving this item open.

### Item 6 (continued) **Coordination between the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol**

Item 6.2  
(continued) – Selection of the new Head of the Convention Secretariat

At the request of the Chair, the Legal Officer explained the amendments to the draft decision contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf. Paper no. 3. The Chair then invited reactions from the Parties. In the absence of any objections, the draft decision was adopted, thus closing this agenda item.

**Item 7**  
(continued)                    **Budgetary and institutional matters**

- Item 7.1  
(continued)
- Code of Conduct for the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties and proposed measures to prevent and address potential conflicts of interest (perceived or existing) among staff of the Convention Secretariat

Review of document FCTC/MOP/1/17 resumed and the Committee was asked to consider adopting the draft decision as contained in the annex. Parties agreed to the proposed changes to the code of conduct and supported adoption of the draft decision, with appropriate rewording from the Legal Counsel.

The draft decision was approved, thus closing the item.

- Item 7.1bis
- Maximizing transparency of delegations from Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Chair asked the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/B/Conf. Paper No. 2, proposed by Brazil, and with amendments highlighted by the Legal Officer.

The Chair invited comments from the floor. A Party expressed its disagreement to the adoption of this draft decision as it was contrary to their national policy and suggested that a footnote be added to this effect, which was supported by other Parties in the Region.

The Legal Officer stated that a footnote was not possible but, following COP8 proceedings, the official record would include the comments from the Party as noted. Discussion is expected to continue on this matter.

The Chair proposed to resume the discussion at a later meeting and announced that Committee B would continue in the afternoon in Salle A. The meeting was adjourned.

### Third meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Ernest Zotoua (Cote d'Ivoire)

The Chair opened the meeting and gave the floor to the Secretariat who announced the provision for an evening session, if needed.

#### **Item 5**

(continued)

#### **Protocol instruments and technical matters**

Item 5.4 – Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance

The Committee was asked to consider the draft decision as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/12. Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution which was then approved as amended by consensus.

Item 5.5 – International assistance and cooperation

The Chair opened this agenda item and drew the Committee's attention to the two draft decisions under consideration as contained in the annex of document FCTC/MOP/1/12, from the Secretariat, and in document FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 2, submitted by the European Union. The floor was opened for discussion. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to the text in document FCTC/MOP/1/A/Conf.Paper No. 2 and responded to a question from the floor concerning the availability of a translated version of the document.

In response to a question from the floor, the Legal Counsel reminded the Committee that the provisional agenda had been adopted in the first Plenary meeting.

The Secretariat read out the draft decision as contained in annex 1 of FCTC/MOP/1/12 and invited comments from the floor. The Chair suspended the meeting to allow for an informal regional consultation.

The meeting resumed and the Chair provided a further explanation of the documents currently under discussion. The Secretariat read out further proposed amendments to the draft decision, but in the absence of a consensus, it was agreed to defer discussion of this agenda item to the beginning of the next meeting of Committee A pending processing of the translated text for distribution.

#### **Item 3**

#### **Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products** (*transferred from Committee B*)

The Chair opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to take note of the report as contained in document FCTC/MOP/1/6 and consider the draft decision contained in the annex. Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision.

The Chair announced that due to time constraints, consideration of this agenda item would resume at the next meeting of the Committee.

### Third meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Dr Leimapokpam Swasticharan (India)

#### **Item 7** (continued)

#### **Budgetary and institutional matters**

##### Item 7.5

- Visual identity of the Protocol

The Committee was invited to consider documents FCTC/MOP/1/21 and FCTC/MOP/1/3.

At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat presented the proposed logo of the Convention to promote and give the Protocol a visual identity, and invited the Parties to consider the documents, provide guidance and adopt the draft decision.

The Republic of Korea expressed its appreciation of the proposal and confirmed that including the short name “Seoul Protocol” was not intended to endorse the city but to give historical reference to the place where the Protocol was adopted by the COP.

Several Parties expressed support to the reference to the “Seoul Protocol” in the logo. However, recognizing that the Republic of Korea was not yet a Party to the Protocol, Parties suggested to use the “long title” of the Protocol until such time the Republic of Korea ratified the Protocol. Deliberations continued and the Chair proposed to return to this item at a subsequent meeting.

##### Item 7.1bis (continued)

- Maximizing transparency of delegations from Parties and observers to the Meeting of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Chair resumed discussion of this item and invited comments from the floor. He proposed a short 10-minute deliberation so that consensus could be reached. A Party requested internal consultations with its government before adopting the text.

The Chair suspended discussion of the item to allow for a Party to consult with their government and announced that the item would remain open pending the outcome of the Party’s consultation.

##### Item 7.3 (continued)

- Proposed workplan and budget for the financial period 2018–2019

The Chair proposed to resume item 7.2 so that a draft decision could be considered. The Head of the Convention Secretariat informed the Committee that the Secretariat took note of all comments and would be ready to act on the decision by the Committee.

Considering the different perspectives of the Parties, the Chair proposed to further review the documents and to reopen this agenda item the following day.

##### Item 7.5 (continued)

- Visual identity of the Protocol

The Chair invited the Committee to reconsider and adopt the draft decision contained as an annex in document FCTC/MOP/1/21, using proposals of Brazil, the European Union and Panama. The Secretariat read the paragraphs and the floor was opened for comments.

The Legal Officer proposed that the text referring to the “Seoul Protocol” could also be included in the logo but should only be used after the Republic of Korea became Party to the Protocol.

Changes proposed to the text of the decision were introduced on the screen.

In the absence of further comments, the decision was adopted. The Chair closed this item and emphasized that adoption of this decision also encouraged other Parties to sign the Protocol. The delegation from the Republic of Korea made a statement, after which the Chair thanked the Committee for the consensus decision. The meeting was adjourned.

## Fourth meeting of Committee A

In the chair: Dr Ernest Zotoua (Cote d'Ivoire)

**Item 3**  
(continued) **Progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products** (*transferred from Committee B*)

The Committee resumed its discussion of this agenda item. The floor was given to an observer of a Nongovernmental Organization to make a statement.

The Legal Counsel responded to a concern regarding an incomplete reference in the document and explained that the decision can be approved in Committee and adopted in Plenary with the reservation that the reference will be inserted.

The draft decision was approved as amended by consensus.

**Item 4**  
(continued) **Reporting, implementation assistance and international cooperation**

Item 4.1  
(continued) – Reporting and information sharing under the Protocol

The Chair announced that the Committee would return to this agenda item at the next session of the Committee, pending processing of the translated text.

The Secretariat informed the Committee that a white paper, taking into account the issues under agenda items 4.1, 5.5 and 5.6, had been prepared for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned.

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