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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?

\* Yes  
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\* If yes, please specify:

\* WFPHA undertakes several tobacco control-related activities  
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\* Does your organization have regional branches to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?

\* Yes  
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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* Working Group across the World on Tobacco control. As part of the FCTC accreditation process, the WFPHA reported to the WHO that approximately 40 member PHAs are working on various tobacco control  
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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:

\* The Federation also renewed its accreditation to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control as a bone fide NGO. This permits the WFPHA to attend WHO FCTC-related meetings and consultations. Dr. Andrey Demin, President of the Russian Public Health Association, represented the WFPHA in October at the 6th WHO FCTC Conference of the Parties meeting.

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.):

\* World Congress on Public Health (Rome October 2020), led by WFPHA in collaboration with the European Public Health Association and the Italian Society of Public Health.

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

\* 6th WHO FCTC Conference of the Parties meeting

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:

\* In 2018 and 2019, the World Federation of Public Health Associations has performed a series of advocacy activities in support of the implementation of the FCTC.

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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:

\* The WFPHA sent a letter to the Austrian Chancellor Sebastien Kurz urging him to take action to support the full implementation of the FCTC for stricter tobacco control policies in Austria, in response to that government's decision to cancel a ban on smoking in bars and restaurants.

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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:

\* The 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH 2018) in March resulted in the creation of the Cape Town Declaration on Human Rights and a Tobacco-free World. The marketing and sale of tobacco is a violation of the human right to a healthy life. As is outlined in the its Global Charter for the Public's Health, the WFPHA is committed to the promotion of the public health and the protection of the human right to a healthy life. Thus, the WFPHA has signed this Declaration and calls upon individuals, public health organizations, and government bodies to support it as well.

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

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* WFPHA OPPOSES SWISS POLICY ON TOBACCO

In response to the Swiss Parliament proposing a bill that would defend the position of the tobacco industry at the expense of public health, give bigger freedom to advertising of tobacco products, and further distance Switzerland from the FCTC, the WFPHA signed a petition, initiated by the Swiss Society of Public Health, in opposition of this proposed Federal Act on Tobacco Products. The WFPHA, along with other NGOs from around the world, signed a letter addressed to the President of the Swiss Confederation, advocating that Switzerland, which hosts the FCTC but has as of yet to ratify it, ratify this international public health treaty.

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

\* No

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\* If yes, please provide details:

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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)?

\* Yes

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\* If yes, please provide details:

\* WFPHA SUPPORTS TOBACCO-FREE PLEDGE

The WFPHA became a founding supporter of the Tobacco-Free Finance Pledge. The goal of the Pledge is to help create a tobacco-free world through addressing the tobacco industry from an economic standpoint via policies, awareness, and partnerships. By reducing investments and challenging corporate relationships with the tobacco industry, signatories will tackle the tobacco epidemic from an innovative angle. The Pledge was launched at the UN Headquarters in New York City and advances Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well- Being), SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals), and the FCTC.

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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:

\* WFPHA SUPPORTS WORLD HEART FOUNDATION'S SMOKE-FREE WORLD

The WFPHA supported the World Heart Foundation's statement delivered at the WHO Executive Board in February 2019, in response to the Foundation for a Smoke-free World's open letter. In this statement, the WHF reminds the WHO of its commitment to protect their policy-making process from tobacco industry interference, and the Sustainable Development Goal they initiated which strengthens the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries. Moreover, the World Heart Foundation recommends that no government or organization should accept money from, endorse, or enter into partnerships with the Philip Morris International (PMI) funded "Foundation for a Smoke-Free World".

All advocacy activities described above have been associated to proper communication on our media and social media, and to national public health associations and professionals, members of our Federation, to inform, empower and sustain their national efforts to implement FCTC.

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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)

\* FCTC-World Federation of Public Health Associations report.pdf

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.

\* Marta Lomazzi 10/03/2020

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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