

Reaccreditation report of NGO observers to COP10

Survey response 1

A. Contact details

A1. Name of organization
World Medical Association
A6. Website of organization
https://www.wma.net/

B. General information

B1. Please indicate if your organization would like to retain its status as observer to the Conference of the Parties
Yes
B2. Does your organization's mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?
No
B3. If yes, please specify:
B4. Does your organization have regional branch(es) to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?
No
B5. If yes, please provide details
B6. Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?
Yes
B7. If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?
Yes
B8. If yes, please provide details
Twice a year WMA organise the Council meeting and General Assembly all over the world. At each conference roughly 250 participants attend and discuss WMA's policies, strategy and international and national advocacy activities. At each General Assembly WMA organise a scientific session. Several of them covered the topic tobacco session from various angles. WMA has various policies on tobacco control. The first one was adopted in 1988 and the most recent ones cover topics such as emphasizing the risk of second hand smoke or plain packaging.

C. Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

C1. 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.)
Since 2008 the World Medical Association has participated in the working group on article 12 and article 14 and is actually member of the working group on article 13 . Further we attended all COP meeting , last one was in 2021 in Geneva.
C2. Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization
attended various virtual meetings and in person on NCD in general and including tobacco cessation

D. Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC

D1. Article 5 (General obligations)?
Yes
D2. If yes, please provide details
WMA advocates for the importance of FCTC and its implementation on national levels through the WMA Statement on health hazards of tobacco products and the WMA Council Resolution on implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on tobacco control. Both policies emphasize the role of physicians in tobacco cessation and encourage national medical associations to work vigorously to get their governments to ratify and implement the FCTC.
D3. Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?
No
D4. If yes, please provide details
D5. Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?
No
D6. If yes, please provide details
D7. Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?
No
D8. If yes, please provide details
D9. Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?
No
D10. If yes, please provide details
D11. Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?
Yes
D12. If yes, please provide details
WMA has policies on tobacco products and control. All of them emphasize the importance of physicians to advocate for tobacco cessation and to educate the society. At the General Assembly 2011 delegates agreed a new policy statement declaring that physicians should inform and educate their patients about the risks of using electronic cigarettes. WMA together with the School of Policy, Government and International Affairs at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia, USA developed an online course for physicians to help them assess the health effects of second hand tobacco smoke on children's health. The course helps physicians understand the robustness of the existing evidence. It also assists them in exploring intervention methods and legislation to minimise the exposure from tobacco smoke for infants and children. It is free of charge and available on the wma webpage www.wma.net
D13. Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?
Yes

D14. If yes, please provide details
<p>WMA is member of the Working Group on article 13 to develop specific guidelines to address cross-border TAPS and the depiction of tobacco in the entertainment media</p> <p>WMA's Statement on Health Hazards of Tobacco Products and Tobacco Derived Products (first time adopted in 1988) has several paragraphs on advertising and sponsorship. Based on this policy WMA develops its advocacy strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Refrain from accepting any funding or educational materials from the tobacco industry, and to urge medical schools, research institutions, and individual researchers to do the same, in order to avoid giving any credibility to that industry. -Speak out against the shift in focus of tobacco marketing from developed to less developed nations and urge national governments to do the same. - ban all advertising and promotion of tobacco and tobacco-derived products.
D15. Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation)
No
D16. If yes, please provide details
D17. Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?
No
D18. If yes, please provide details
D19. Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?
Yes
D20. If yes, please provide details
WMA's Statement on Health Hazards of Tobacco Products and Tobacco- Derived Products (first time adopted in 1988, last time confirmed 2011) recognize that tobacco use may lead to paediatric disease because of the harm done to children caused by tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure.
D21. Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?
No
D22. If yes, please provide details
D23. Article 19 (Liability)?
No
D24. If yes, please provide details
D25. Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?
No
D26. If yes, please provide details
D27. Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?
No
D28. If yes, please provide details

E. Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

E1. Please provide any other relevant information

E2. Please attach any other relevant file(s)

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F. Declarations

F1. 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.
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Yes, I can confirm

F2. By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.
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Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General

F3. 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, I confirm
