

First Report of Committee B

Committee B recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the attached decision on Reporting and exchange of information.

5.2 Reporting and exchange of information (decision FCTC/COP1(14))

Agenda item 5.2

Reporting and exchange of information

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision FCTC/COP1(14), by which it provisionally approved the format for submission of national reports, pending further consideration at its next session;

Considering the synthesis of reports on implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control provided in document A/FCTC/COP/2/6, in particular, the challenges relating to reporting identified therein;

Considering also that in order to fulfil its objectives, the reporting process should ensure that data provided are relevant, comprehensive and internationally comparable;

Considering that gender-related issues should be taken into account when gathering and providing data;

Taking into account that protocols and guidelines are currently under development, which may make it difficult to consider Group 3 questions at the third session of the Conference of the Parties,

DECIDES:

- (1) to mandate the Secretariat, with technical support from WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative, and under the guidance of the Bureau, to revise the format of the questionnaire for Group 1 questions while maintaining the content; this may include, inter alia, resolving technical problems related to the completion of the questionnaire, creating additional data-entry boxes where necessary, standardizing the reporting format throughout the questionnaire and providing the instructions to assist Parties in a separate document;
- (2) to request the Secretariat to complete this work as soon as possible after the second session of the Conference of the Parties;
- (3) to request the Bureau to review the revised questionnaire for Group 1 questions, and, as appropriate, to decide on its provisional use by Parties, pending a decision of the Conference of the Parties at its third session;
- (4) to mandate the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Bureau and with the assistance of competent entities within WHO, in particular, WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative, and, as appropriate, experts in the relevant fields, to elaborate a draft of the Group 2 questions, and to revise the format of the questionnaire; in particular, the following issues should be addressed:
 - (a) increasing comparability of national data over time;
 - (b) provision of data in a standardized way;
 - (c) clear definitions and standards;
 - (d) level of detail and comprehensiveness of documentation to be provided;

- (e) data entry formats (for example, replacement of textual answers with quantitative/multiple choice/yes-no questions, supported by documentation);
 - (f) harmonization, synergies and avoidance of duplication with other data collection initiatives (for example, prevalence or demographics);
 - (g) development of indicators to measure gender-sensitive policies;
- (5) to request the Secretariat to complete this work prior to the third session of the Conference of the Parties;
- (6) to consider the draft Group 2 questions and the revised format of the questionnaire at its third session;
- (7) to consider Group 3 questions at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties.

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