



## Document Guide

### Fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control 15-20 November 2010, Punta del este, Uruguay

The Framework Convention Alliance (FCA) has prepared the following policy briefings\* to assist the deliberations of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) at its fourth session (COP-4):

- COP-4/1: *Article 6 Policy briefing* – FCA urges Parties to decide to establish a working group to elaborate guidelines for the implementation of Article 6.
- COP-4/2: *Guidelines for FCTC Article 6 - what Finance Ministries need to know* - Tobacco taxes have clear fiscal as well as health benefits; they generate revenues and are supported by economists, other experts, and the public.
- COP-4/3: *Guidelines for FCTC Article 6 - why Health Ministries should support them* - Good tobacco tax policies have enormous potential to encourage quitting amongst tobacco users, prevent young people from starting – and simultaneously generate considerable tax revenue. Of all the available tobacco control measures, taxation may well be the single most effective method of quickly reducing tobacco consumption.
- COP-4/4: *Guidelines for FCTC Articles 9/10* – FCA endorses the draft guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco products and tobacco product disclosures) and recommends that COP-4 adopt the proposed guidelines without change.
- COP-4/5: *Article 12 policy briefing* – FCA urges COP-4 to adopt the draft guidelines for implementation of Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness).
- COP-4/6: *Article 14 policy briefing* – FCA strongly endorses the draft guidelines for implementation of Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation) and recommends that Parties adopt the draft guidelines in full and without change.
- COP-4/7: *Working group on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18), Policy briefing* – FCA calls on the Parties to decide to continue the work of the working group on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing.
- COP-4/8: *Policy briefing: Elaboration of recommendations on appropriate means to support implementation of Article 19 (Liability)* – FCA calls on Parties to request the Secretariat to elaborate a report to support implementation of Article 19 (Liability), and submit that report to the COP for consideration at its fifth session.
- COP-4/9: *Policy briefing: Next steps on illicit trade* – Believing that further negotiations to conclude a protocol are necessary, and that the next meeting should be

held in late 2011, FCA recommends the establishment of a working group, reporting to the next INB, to help ensure that the provisions of the protocol complement and do not duplicate provisions of existing international agreements and the work of existing agencies.

- COP-4/10: *Policy briefing: Workplan and budget of the Conference of the Parties* – FCA calls on the COP to make extrabudgetary contributions to allow for the 2010-2011 workplan to be fully implemented and to increase voluntary assessed contributions (VACs) and to commit to extrabudgetary contributions for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- COP-4/12: *Policy briefing – Time to put implementation review back on the agenda* – FCA recommends that the COP request the Convention Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive report on possible implementation review mechanisms and procedures for the Convention and submit that report to the COP for consideration at its fifth session.
- COP-4/11: *Policy Briefing: International Cooperation and Opportunities for the FCTC* – FCA urges Parties to explore ways to include FCTC implementation in existing international and regional cooperation initiatives.
- COP-4/13: *Policy Briefing: Financial Resources and Mechanisms of Assistance* – FCA calls on Parties to provide extra-budgetary contributions for the implementation assistance activities approved in the workplan and to establish a working group to review progress in the mobilisation of resources for implementation of the Convention.
- COP-4/14: *Policy briefing on adoption of measures for international cooperation to eliminate tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship* – FCA calls on the Parties to decide to adopt and implement the recommendations on measures that would contribute to elimination of cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, ensuring that, where appropriate, the recommended measures are also applied in respect of domestic tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship.
- COP-4/18: *Policy briefing: UN High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases* – FCA calls on the COP to request the Secretariat to prepare for COP-5 a report on the outcomes of the UN High-level Summit on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and its impact on the implementation of the Convention.
- COP-4/16: *Policy briefing - FCTC implementation and international trade and investment rules* – FCA urges the Parties to establish a working group on the relationship between FCTC implementation, international trade and investment.
- COP-4/17: *Control and prevention of smokeless tobacco products and electronic cigarettes* – FCA recommends against referring the matter of electronic cigarettes to the working group on Articles 9 and 10, as the issue of e-cigarettes is largely unrelated to the matters which the working group was mandated to deal with.
- COP-4/24: *Policy briefing: Standardisation and harmonisation of data and data collection initiatives* – FCA calls on Parties to establish an expert group with the usual wide representation to revise the FCTC reporting tools.

*\* Note that the above FCA documents are numbered independently of the Secretariat numbering system; the note in the box at the top of each FCA document indicates which item in the provisional agenda the document is related to. The COP-4 provisional agenda is available on the FCTC website:*

*[http://apps.who.int/gb/fctc/PDF/cop4/FCTC\\_COP4\\_1annotatedRev1-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/fctc/PDF/cop4/FCTC_COP4_1annotatedRev1-en.pdf). FCA Media Briefings are not included in the above list.*