

## FCA POSITION ON THE GLOBAL COORDINATION MECHANISM ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

FCA calls on WHO and Member States to ensure that the terms of reference of the Global Coordination Mechanism (GCM) on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) recognizes the Conference of the Parties of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) as the primary global forum for discussions on tobacco control implementation and accountability.

The latest version of the terms of reference notes that the purpose of the GCM is “to facilitate and enhance coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action ... in order to contribute to the implementation of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, **while avoiding duplication of efforts, using resources in an efficient and results-oriented way**” (document EB134/14, para 1).

A framework for multi-sectoral action on tobacco control already exists – the WHO FCTC – and has its own governing mechanism, the Conference of the Parties (COP). The WHO FCTC has 178 Parties, the overwhelming majority of WHO Member States, and its measures cover nearly 90 percent of the world’s population.

The GCM must recognize the FCTC COP as the primary global forum for discussions on tobacco control implementation and accountability. To do so, the following paragraph should be included in its terms of reference:

***Links with the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC):***

*All efforts undertaken by the Global Coordination Mechanism related to tobacco control at all levels – global, regional and national – will be in line with FCTC articles, guidelines and recommendations. The FCTC Conference of the Parties (COP)<sup>1</sup> will be a partner in a Global Coordination Mechanism.*

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<sup>1</sup> Which the COP may choose to delegate to the FCTC Secretariat, the COP Bureau or an inter-sessional body, as appropriate.