

Second Report of Committee B

Committee B recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the attached decision on Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance.

5.1 Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance (decision FCTC/COP1(13))

Agenda item 5.1

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision FCTC/COP1(13) on Financial resources and mechanisms of assistance;

Noting the information provided in document A/FCTC/COP/2/5 and the additional information provided by the interim secretariat on its activities since the first session of the Conference of the Parties;

Reaffirming that mainstreaming tobacco control into such mechanisms as country strategies is a medium- to long-term objective and that there is a need to utilize all appropriate mechanisms to meet immediate objectives and needs;

Noting that some Parties require support to undertake needs assessments and develop their project and programme proposals for seeking financial assistance from all available funding sources;

Aware of the difficulties that Parties encounter in accessing such financial assistance and the resulting impact on their capacity to meet their obligations under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Further recognizing the need for taking immediate action to provide all necessary assistance to Parties to ensure sustained and predictable availability of funds;

Noting with satisfaction the increase in funding in support of tobacco control in the WHO programme budget 2008–2009 and the proposed increase for the following years, contained in the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013;

Aware of the need for synergy, complementarity and cooperation between WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative and the Secretariat,

DECIDES:

(1) to ask the Secretariat to actively seek extrabudgetary contributions from Parties and other international donors, including intergovernmental organizations, specifically for the purpose of helping Parties in need to carry out needs assessments and develop project and programme proposals for financial assistance from all available funding sources;

(2) to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to support the Secretariat in assisting Parties in need to develop project and programme proposals for financial assistance from all available funding sources, including, inter alia, through bringing this aspect of the work of the Secretariat to the attention of potential donors during funding negotiations and actively encouraging contributions from these donors towards this work;

(3) to urge donor Parties to provide voluntary extrabudgetary contributions, specifically for the purpose identified in paragraphs 1 and 2;

(4) to request the Secretariat to prepare and present, at every session of the Conference of the Parties, an implementation report on activities undertaken to implement decisions FCTC/COP1(13) and FCTC/COP2(**to insert decision number**), including an update of the financial mechanisms for assistance to Parties in need;

(5) to invite the Tobacco Free Initiative to present, at the next session of the Conference of the Parties, a report on its activities undertaken specifically on the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

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