DECISION

FCTC/COP7(18)   Strengthening synergy between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Having considered decision WHA69(13) on Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC);

Having also considered document FCTC/COP/7/32 on Strengthening synergy between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly;

Committed to actively promote accelerated implementation and universal adherence to the Convention, including in all relevant multilateral forums, and in particular in the World Health Assembly;

I. REQUESTS the President of the COP:

(a) to report for information purposes on the outcomes of the seventh session of the COP to the Seventieth World Health Assembly under the World Health Assembly’s provisional agenda item that follows up on decision WHA69(13) to promote a high-level political discussion;

(b) to provide, in his report to the World Health Assembly, an overview of global progress in implementation of the Convention and of its impact as a tool for reducing tobacco consumption and prevalence, to promote accelerated implementation of the Convention by Parties and encourage those Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) that have not yet done so to accede to the Convention as soon as possible, and to encourage all appropriate non-State actors to continue promoting universal observance of the Convention’s norms;
2. INVITES the World Health Assembly:
   
   (a) to consider requesting the COP to direct its Secretariat to provide a report on the outcomes of each future session of the COP to the following session of the World Health Assembly, for information purposes and as part of the documentation provided to the World Health Assembly under the agenda item on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
   
   (b) to request the WHO Director-General, pursuant to decision WHA69(13), to continue to regularly provide reports for information purposes to the COP on resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly relevant to the implementation of the WHO FCTC.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 12 November 2016)