DECISION

FCTC/MOP1(4) Attendance of States Parties to the WHO FCTC, States non-Parties to the WHO FCTC, regional economic integration organizations, international intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations to the First session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Meeting of the Parties (MOP),

Recalling Rules 29, 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) on the status of observers,

1. DECIDES to invite the following categories of actors to attend its open and public sessions of its first session:

   (a) States Parties to the WHO FCTC that are not Parties to the Protocol;

   (b) Member States of WHO that are non-Parties to the WHO FCTC;

   (c) international intergovernmental organizations with observer status to the COP to the WHO FCTC;

   (d) nongovernmental organizations with observer status to the COP to the WHO FCTC;

2. FURTHER DECIDES to invite regional economic integration organizations, international intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations to apply for observer status to the Second and subsequent sessions of the MOP, bearing in mind the following:

   (a) any such organization must have the endorsement of its governing body in applying for observer status to the MOP;
(b) any such organization must be free of any association with or influence from the tobacco industry, in line with Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC and its guidelines as adopted by COP, including not partnering with or receiving funds from the tobacco industry or any other commercial entity with a vested interest.

(First plenary meeting, 8 October 2018)