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Time	Event
10:00	Seventh Plenary meeting
Regional meetings	
08:00–09:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
08:30–09:30	Regional group for Africa
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Eastern Mediterranean
08:30–09:30	Regional group for South-East Asia
08:30–09:30	Regional group for the Western Pacific
09:00–09:45	Regional group for Europe
13:00–14:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
17:00–18:00	European Union Coordination Meeting (private)
Other meetings	
Immediately after the conclusion of Plenary	Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (closed)

Programme of work

Seventh Plenary meeting	10:00
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– (continued) Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
Document FCTC/COP/9/P/CONF./1 Rev.2

Item 7 **Date and place of the Tenth Regular Session of the Conference of the Parties**
Document FCTC/COP/9/19

Item 8 **Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties**
Document FCTC/COP/9/20

Item 9 **Adoption of the provisional report of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties**
Document FCTC/COP/9/21

Item 10 **Closure of the session**

Report of meetings on Thursday 11 November 2021

Fifth meeting of Committee B

In the chair: Mr Ferdinand Mangongo (Gabon)

Item 6 Budgetary and institutional matters

(continued)

Item 6.7 Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat: report by the Bureau

The Chair opened the meeting and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document FCTC/COP/9/18 and the draft decision as contained in the annex of the document.

The President and the Rapporteur of the Conference of the Parties were invited to address the Committee on the contents of the report. Comments were invited from the floor.

The report was noted and the draft decision approved, thus closing the agenda item and bringing to an end the work of Committee B.

The meeting was closed.

Fifth Plenary meeting

In the chair: H.E. Mr Esmaeil Baghaei Hamaneh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
President of the Conference of the Parties

– (continued) Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

The President opened the meeting and invited those delegates who had requested to speak at the previous meeting to take the floor. It was announced that discussion of the item would resume at the next Plenary meeting.

Item 1.2
(continued) Credentials of participants

Following the closure of this agenda item during the fourth Plenary meeting, the President exceptionally permitted one Party to provide a regional statement in relation to this agenda item.

Item 9 Adoption of the provisional report of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties

– *Draft first report of Committee A*

The Chair of Committee A (Dr Graciela Gamarra [Paraguay]) read out the draft first report of Committee A, document FCTC/COP/9/A/R/1 containing one decision entitled:

– *Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties*

The decision was adopted and the draft first report of Committee A was approved.

– *Draft first report of Committee B*

The Chair of Committee B (Mr Ferdinand Mangongo [Gabon]) read out the draft first report of Committee B, document FCTC/COP/9/B/R/1 containing two decisions entitled:

– *Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2022–2023*

– *Assessed Contributions*

The decisions were adopted and the draft first report of Committee B was approved.

– *Draft second report of Committee B*

The Chair of Committee B (Mr Ferdinand Mangongo [Gabon]) read out the draft second report of Committee B, document FCTC/COP/9/B/R/2 containing one decision entitled:

– *WHO FCTC Investment Fund*

The decision was adopted and the draft second report of Committee B was approved.

The President informed the Conference that the draft third report of Committee B would be considered at the next Plenary meeting.

The President announced that the Bureau will take into account the comments received from the Parties on the draft Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and will work with Parties to obtain a consensus. The draft Declaration will be considered at the next Plenary meeting once a revised version of the text, taking into account the proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sixth Plenary meeting

In the chair: H.E. Mr Esmail Baghaei Hamaneh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
President of the Conference of the Parties

– (continued) Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

The President called the meeting to order. Discussion of the item resumed and the Conference was asked to consider the revised text in document FCTC/COP/9/CONF./1 Rev. 1, taking into account the proposed amendments. The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran was invited to make some explanatory remarks and comments were then invited from the floor.

– *Draft third report of Committee B*

The Chair of Committee B (Mr Ferdinand Mangongo [Gabon]) read out the draft third report of Committee B, document FCTC/COP/9/B/R/3 containing one decision entitled:

– *Appointment of the Head of the Convention Secretariat*

The decision was adopted and the draft third report of Committee B was approved.

– (continued) Declaration on WHO FCTC and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

Revisions to the draft Declaration text were agreed upon by consensus. The President informed the Conference that the Declaration would be adopted in the final Plenary meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Procedural issues

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Announcements

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Participants are requested to conduct a test during one of the available test sessions prior to the beginning of the sessions. For the test, please use the equipment and the location to be used during the virtual meetings of COP9.

List of participants

A provisional list of participants will be available and posted on the WHO FCTC website at the opening of the session. This list will be issued on the basis of valid credentials received by the Convention Secretariat up to 12:00 on Sunday, 31 October 2021. A revised list will be issued at a later date.

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