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Date and place of the Tenth Regular Session of the Conference of the Parties

Report by the Convention Secretariat

Purpose of the document

This report proposes a date and place for the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). It also makes reference to the basic requirements for Parties to host future sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP).

Action by the Conference of the Parties

The COP is invited to decide the date and place of its Tenth Regular Session.

Contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), if applicable: Target 3.a and SDG 3.

Link to the workplan and budget item: 4.2.2.

Additional financial implications, if not included in the workplan and budget: N/A.

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Related document(s): None.

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with Rule 4.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), at each regular session the COP shall decide on the date and duration of its next regular session.
2. In accordance with Rule 3, the sessions of the COP shall be held at the seat of the Convention Secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise. Further, in decision FCTC/COP8(14) the COP decided to establish a formal requirement that Parties hosting a regular session of the COP must also host a session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products – immediately following the COP at the same geographic location and under the same circumstances – whether or not the host Party is also a Party to the Protocol.
3. The Convention Secretariat checked the availability of the International Conference Centre Geneva and the Palais des Nations, the only two venues in Geneva suitable for organizing sessions of the COP and the MOP, and was informed that both venues are not available to hold a session of the COP and MOP in 2023. It is crucial, therefore, that a Party hosts the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) and the Third Session of the MOP (MOP3).
4. As of this date, the Convention Secretariat is preparing to send out an official communication – *Call for interest to host COP10 and MOP3* – to all Parties, requesting them to express interest before 1 September 2021. The communication will include a document – *Basic information for hosting a session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and a session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products* – that also is available on the WHO FCTC website. This document provides important information for Parties interested in hosting a session of the COP and MOP and details the essential requirements for host Parties.
5. Once proposals from Parties are received, the Convention Secretariat will bring them to the attention of the Bureaus of the COP and MOP to determine whether the proposals match the requirements for hosting COP and MOP sessions. If they meet the requirements, the proposals will be forwarded to the COP and the MOP for consideration. If there is more than one proposal, the Bureaus will determine the criteria for the selection of the host country, taking into consideration the need for regional rotation and previous hosts, among other factors.

DATES OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COP

6. Since there is no availability to organize COP10 and MOP3 in Geneva in 2023, the dates of the next regular sessions of the COP and MOP shall be determined by the Bureaus elected at the Ninth Session of the COP and the Second Session of MOP, in accordance with the Bureaus mandate, after agreement with the hosting Party and in consultation with the Convention Secretariat.

ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

7. The COP is invited to note the report and consider adopting the annexed draft decision.

ANNEX

FCTC/COP9(xx) Date and place of the Tenth Regular Session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Taking into account Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, which provides that the sessions of the COP shall be held at the seat of the Convention Secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise;

Recalling decision FCTC/COP8(14), establishing as a formal requirement for Parties hosting a regular session of the COP to also host a session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, immediately following the COP, at the same geographic location and under the same circumstances, regardless of whether or not the host Party is also a Party to the Protocol;

Noting that there is no suitable venue available in Geneva and thanking Parties for expressing interest in the call to host the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP10) and the Third Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP3) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products;

Considering that the following option has been proposed for convening COP10,

1. DECIDES that COP10 will be held in XXXX, with dates to be confirmed after agreement between the hosting Party and the incoming Bureau, in consultation with the MOP Bureau, and with the support of the Convention Secretariat.

(XXX Plenary, XX November 2021)

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