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B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Prevalence of tobacco use

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18-64 years; see B112)

Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	43.6	17
FEMALE	5.6	11
TOTAL (males and females)	23.3	16.7

Daily smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	40.6	18
FEMALE	4.6	11
TOTAL (males and females)	23.3	17

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	3
FEMALE	1
TOTAL (males and females)	2.5

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	10
FEMALE	10
TOTAL (males and females)	10

Never smokers

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)

MALE	44
FEMALE	84
TOTAL (males and females)	65

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B11:

Cigarettes and other tobacco products

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B11 refer:

	From	To
Age range	18	69

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B11:

2013

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B11:

STEPS Survey Report, 2014

Please provide the definitions of “current smoker”, “daily smoker”, “occasional smoker”, “former smoker” and “never smoker” used in this report.

Current smoker	the a person who used a tobacco product in the last month
Daily smoker	a person who smoke at least once a day, every day
Occasional smoker	a person who smokes only in some days, not every day
Former smoker	someone who does not smoke for at least 6 months
Never smoker	a person who has smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

the cigarette smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past four years is decreasing due to implementation of new provisions of the Tobacco Control Law since 2016

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ¹	15	19	21
MALES - current smokers ¹	20	24	48
MALES - current smokers ¹	25	29	57
MALES - current smokers ¹	30	34	58
MALES - current smokers ¹	35	39	55
MALES - current smokers ¹	40	44	55
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	49	51
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	15	19	5
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	20	24	10
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	25	29	10
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	30	34	11
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	35	39	9
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	40	44	8
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	49	5
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	15	19	13
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	20	24	27
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	25	29	32
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	30	34	34
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	35	39	31

TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	40	44	31
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	49	27

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B12:

Cigarettes and other tobacco products

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B12:

2013

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B12:

STEPS Survey Report, 2014

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current smoking prevalence by age group in the past two years or since submission of your last report, if data are available.

the smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past two years is decreasing due to implementation of new provisions of the Tobacco Control Law since 2016

Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered in B132, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18–64 years; see B132)

Males

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Females

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

TOTAL (males and females)

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B13:

no data on smokeless tobacco products prevalence

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B13 refer:

From To

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B13:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B13:

no data on smokeless tobacco products prevalence

Please provide the definitions of “current user”, “daily user”, “occasional user”, “former user” and “never user” (of smokeless tobacco products) used in this report in the space below.

Current user
 Daily user
 Occasional user
 Former user
 Never user

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smokeless tobacco use in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

no data on smokeless tobacco products prevalence

Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
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Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question B14:

no data on smokeless tobacco products prevalence

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B14:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B14:

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current use of smokeless tobacco by adult age groups in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

no data on smokeless tobacco products prevalence

Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Ethnic group(s)	MALES - Prevalence (%)	FEMALES - Prevalence (%)	TOTAL (males and females) - Prevalence (%)
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Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question B15:

no data on tobacco use by ethnic groups

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B15 refer:

From To

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B15:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B15:

no data on tobacco use by ethnic groups

Tobacco use by young persons

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	Age range	SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)
BOYS - Current users ⁴	13-15 years	17,5	2,1	
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15 years	9.5	1.4	
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15 years	13,6	1,7	

Please indicate the tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B16:

Smokers of any tobacco products

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B16:

2019

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B16:

GYTS Survey Report, 2020

Please provide the definition of "current smoking/tobacco use" used to answer question B16 in the space below.

Current smoker - the person who used a tobacco product in the last month

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in tobacco use by young persons in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Tobacco smoking overall prevalence among young persons of age 13-15 years old increased by 3,6% from previous GYTS Survey in 2013, among boys - by 3,8%, among girls - by 5.8%.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

	Age range	Heated tobacco products (HTPs) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) - Prevalence (%)	Other products - Prevalence (%)
YOUNG PERSONS - Boys	13-15 years	4.9	16.8		
YOUNG PERSONS - Girls	13-15 years	2.7	8.4		
YOUNG PERSONS - Total (boys and girls)	13-15 years	3.9	12.7		

B2-B9. HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Exposure to tobacco smoke

Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).

One in six individuals (16.5%) were exposed to second-hand smoke at home - 17,3% among men and 15,7 among women, also 28.3 % of students were exposed to tobacco smoke at home. One in four in the workplace (26.2%), with more men (35.0%) exposed than women (17.2%), which considerably increases the risk of NCDs among exposed individuals.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B21:

2019

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B21:

STEPS Survey, 2014, GYTS Survey, 2019

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Tobacco-related mortality

Do you have information on tobacco-related mortality in your population?

Yes ✓

What is the estimated total number of deaths attributable to tobacco use in your population?

6080

If available, please provide any additional information on mortality attributable to tobacco use (e.g. lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases) in your jurisdiction.

In the Republic of Moldova, tobacco is the second risk factor that contributes to the total burden of diseases in men and the seventh in women. According to Health for All Database updated by WHO Europe at 31 January 2018, SDR for selected smoking-related causes, per 100 000 was 613 cases in 2015

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B32 and 33:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B32 and B33:

Source: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, January 2018

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Tobacco-related costs

Do you have information on the economic burden of tobacco use in your population, e.g. the overall cost of tobacco use imposed on your society?

Yes ✓

Please provide details (e.g. direct (health care-related) and indirect costs and, if possible, the method used to estimate these costs).

From 2017 to 2019 in the Republic of Moldova, the health-care expenditure related to diseases caused by tobacco consumption increased by 10% from estimated at 1150 million MDL or 18% of the consolidated budget expenditures for health care to 1265 million MDL or 15% of the consolidated budget expenditures for health care . The estimates of the economic costs of tobacco-related loss of productivity due to premature death, hospitalization and outpatient treatment of smoking-related diseases also increased from 1480 million MDL in 2017 to 1830 million MDL in 2019

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B42:

2019

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B42:

Experts estimations

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

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Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(b), 20.4(c), and 15.5)

Licit supply of tobacco products

	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Domestic production	Retail sales	Exports	Imports
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes 2019	pieces	500,000,000		345,000	4,250,000,000
Smokeless tobacco products	Heets 2019	pieces	0		0	1500,000
Other tobacco products	tobacco for water pipes	tonnes				150
Other tobacco products	electronic cigarettes 2018	pieces				3000
Other tobacco products	electronic cigarettes 2019	pieces				3600
Tobacco leaves	tobacco leaves	tonnes	170			2000

Please provide information on the volumes of duty-free sales (e.g. product, unit, quantity), if available.

none available

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B51 and 52:

2019

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B51 and B52:

Custom Service reports

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Seizures of illicit tobacco products

(with reference to Article 15.5)

Seizures of illicit tobacco

	Year	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Quantity seized
Smoking tobacco products	2016	cigarettes	pieces	4565000
Smoking tobacco products	2017	cigarettes	pieces	5673000
Smoking tobacco products	2018	cigarettes	pieces	4321000
Smoking tobacco products	2019	cigarettes	pieces	2714040

Do you have any information on the percentage of illicit tobacco products on the national tobacco market?

Yes ✓

What percentage of the national tobacco market do illicit tobacco products constitute? (%)

5.3

What is the trend over the past two years or since submission of your last report in the percentage of illicit tobacco products in relation to the national tobacco market?

insignificantly increased.

Please provide any further information on illicit tobacco products.

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B6:

Custom Service reports

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco-growing

Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

Please provide information on the number of workers involved in tobacco-growing. If available, please provide this figure broken down by gender.

200 persons

Please provide, if available, the share of the value of tobacco leaf production in the national gross domestic product.

The share of land for tobacco growing was 300 hectares in 2019, decreased twice compared with 2016

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

2019

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

Information provided by Ministry of Agriculture Regional Development and Environment

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Taxation of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)

What proportion of the retail price of the most popular price category of tobacco product consists of taxes (e.g. sum of excise, sales and import duties (if applicable) and value added tax/goods and services tax (VAT/GST))?

41

How are the excise taxes levied (what types of taxes are levied)?

Specific tax only

Ad valorem tax only

Combination of specific and ad valorem taxes Yes

More complex structure (please explain below)

If available, please provide details on the rates of taxation for tobacco products at all levels of Government and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax, e.g. VAT, sales, import duties)

	Product	Type of tax	Rate or amount	Base of tax ⁵
Smoking tobacco products	all types cigarettes 2020	Specific tax	700 MDL per 1000	
Smoking tobacco products	all types cigarettes 2020	Ad valorem tax	13%	

Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

During last two years tobacco taxes increase by 50% for filtered cigarettes and taxes for non-filtered cigarettes became equal as for filtered cigarettes

Do you earmark any percentage of your taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control in your jurisdiction?

No

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Price of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))

Domestic

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of domestic tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Temp	20 cigarettes	27	MDL
Smoking tobacco products	Doina soft	20 cigarettes	25	MDL
Smoking tobacco products	Astru	20 cigarettes	19	MDL

Imported

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of imported tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Red&White Special Super Slims	20 cigarettes	25	MDL
Smoking tobacco products	Winston	20 cigarettes	28	MDL
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro (Gold)	20 cigarettes	35	MDL

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B91:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B91:

Expert groups reports

Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Prices of tobacco products in the past two years increase by 60%, introduced from 2017 minimum price for cigarette pack

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

With reference to Article 5

Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?

Yes ✓

Have you established or reinforced and financed:

a focal point for tobacco control?	Yes
a tobacco control unit?	Yes
a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?	Yes

Please provide details (e.g. the nature of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution to which the focal point for tobacco control or the tobacco control unit belongs).

By the Government decision #1015 of 23.11.2017 which adopt second National Program on Tobacco Control for 2017-2021 years, was established National Coordination Council on Tobacco Control, with 17 members, which are representing all relevant institutions and is chaired by the deputy Prime-Minister. With adoption in 2015 a new Tobacco Control Law, the Council has a permanent status and is regulated by the Law.

The national focal point for tobacco control and the tobacco control unit belongs to the National Agency for Public Health

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (*General obligations*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

With adoption in 2015 a new Tobacco Control Law, the Council has a permanent status as a standalone Council and is regulated by the Law.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the public has access, in accordance with Article 12(c), to a wide range of information on tobacco industry activities relevant to the objectives of the Convention, such as in a public repository?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions under C121 or C122, please provide details in the space below (specifically, please refer, if relevant, to whether your government or any of its departments 1) have raised awareness on tobacco industry tactics and the need to prevent interference by the tobacco industry with decision making; 2) have avoided entering into any partnerships or voluntary agreements with the tobacco industry; 3) have established any measures to limit interaction of public officials with the tobacco industry, including in the form of a code of conduct; 4) have not granted any incentives, privileges, benefits or preferential tax exemptions to the tobacco industry to establish or run their business; etc.).

The new Tobacco Control Law adopted in 2015 contain provisions for protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry and to exclude conflict of interest for public servants.

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 6–14

Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?

Yes ✓

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, sales to international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✓

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, imports by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 6 (*Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

From 2018 specific tobacco taxes increased gradually, for filtered cigarettes by 50%, for non-filtered by 200%. In 2017 were introduced minimum prices for cigarettes and in 2020 prices are almost double than in 2017

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 6 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C215 please provide details in the space below or refer to section H of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places ?

Yes ✓

What is the type/nature of the measure providing for the ban?

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	
administrative and executive orders	Yes
voluntary agreements	
other measures (please specify in C223 below)	

Please provide a brief explanation of the type/nature and content of the measures providing for the ban.

By the Law # 278 which entered into force on 17.09.2015, art. 16 smoking is totally banned in Preschool institutions, primary, specialized, higher education, hospitals, sports premises, on sports fields, stadiums and adjacent territories in food service and trade ;

- In stores, agricultural and industrial markets, playgrounds for children, restaurants and cafes, car and air transport, the underground passages in elevators ;
- In all enclosed public spaces, at bus stations , airfields , railway stations and in public transport
- In all public events organized both indoors or outdoors.

Do any of these measures provide for a mechanism/ infrastructure for enforcement?

Yes ✓

Please provide details of this system.

According to the Law # 278, Agency for Public Health and general Inspectorate of Police are authorized to enforce the Law

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor workplaces:

government buildings	Complete
health-care facilities	Complete
educational facilities ⁶	Complete
universities	Complete
private workplaces	Complete
other (please specify below)	

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Public transport:

airplanes	Complete
trains	Complete
ferries	
ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	Complete
motor vehicles used as places of work (taxis, ambulances, delivery vehicles)	Complete
private vehicles	Partial
other (please specify below)	

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor public places:

cultural facilities	Complete
shopping malls	Complete
pubs and bars	Complete
nightclubs	Complete
restaurants	Complete
other (please specify below)	

Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented:

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

developed a Guide for managers with recommendation how to apply law provisions

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Public transport companies and transport units are periodically verified by the police.

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

developed a Guide for managers of hospitality sector facilities with recommendation how to apply law provisions, also adopted a Instruction for Public health and Police officers how to enforce the Law

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 8 (*Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Before adoption of a new tobacco control Law, smoking was allowed in enclosed spaces in specially smoking areas, but since 2016 is totally prohibited

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C229 please provide details in the space below or refer to section B of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 9 (*Regulation of the contents of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

According to the Law 278, nicotine content should not exceed 1 mg per cigarette, to 10 mg tar per cigarette and carbon monoxide 10 mg per cigarette. Law also contain general provisions on testing emissions. Developed a sanitary regulation on ingredients in tobacco products, which contain a list of all ingredients allowed for manufacturing of cigarettes.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C236 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 1) has incorporated product regulation in the national tobacco control legislation; 2) has access to either governmental or independent – not owned or controlled by the tobacco industry – laboratories for testing contents and/or emissions of tobacco products; 3) has regulated ingredients, such as flavours (e.g. menthol); 4) has regulated product characteristics, such as design features (e.g., cigarette ventilation); etc.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose to Government authorities information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	Yes

requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products? Yes

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 10 (*Regulation of tobacco product disclosures*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Law 278 includes general provisions on contents of tobacco products and reporting. Developed a sanitary regulation on reporting, which describes procedure of reporting to Ministry of health by tobacco industry

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C244 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether your country has incorporated tobacco product disclosures in the national tobacco control legislation; has regulated the public disclosure of toxic constituents and emissions of tobacco products, aiming to raise public awareness and advance tobacco control policy; etc.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?

Yes ✓

requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

Yes ✓

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

Does your law mandate, as a minimum, a style, size and colour of font to render the warning clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?

No ✗

ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

ensuring that health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?

Yes ✓

Does the Government own the copyright to these pictures and pictograms?

Yes ✓

Would you grant a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence for the use of health warnings developed in your jurisdiction with other Parties?

Yes ✓

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products contain information on relevant:

constituents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products? Yes

requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit packet and package and on any outside packaging and labelling in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 11 (*Packaging and labelling of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

By the Law nr.278 introduced from 1 of January 2018 of pictorials, health warnings which occupy 65% or more of the principal display area.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 11 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to or not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Education, communication, training and public awareness

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

educational and public awareness programmes? (*Please refer to programmes implemented since submission of your two-year report.*)

Yes ✓

To whom are these programmes targeted?

- adults or the general public
- children and young people
- men
- women
- pregnant women
- ethnic groups
- other (please specify)
- Other

Do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?

- age
- gender
- educational background
- cultural background
- socioeconomic status
- other (please specify)
- Other

Do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:

- health risks of tobacco consumption?
- health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?
- benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?
- adverse economic consequences of tobacco production?
- adverse economic consequences of tobacco consumption?
- adverse environmental consequences of tobacco production?
- adverse environmental consequences of tobacco consumption?

awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
- nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
- private organizations?
- other (please specify)?
- Other

Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:

- health workers?
 - community workers?
 - social workers?
 - media professionals?
 - educators?
 - decision-makers?
 - administrators?
 - other (please specify)
 - Other
-

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (*Education, communication, training and public awareness*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

In 2018 conducted a national communication campaign focused on current and potential users of tobacco. Were prepared and distributed within the country informational materials, specific information for different groups of the population (leaflets and posters for the general population, young people and adolescents, pregnant women and mothers). Were prepared and placed on radio and TV video and audio materials for smoking prevention and cessation. Were prepared Fact sheet for students and guide for teachers and spend an special hour in High Schools institutions on smoking prevention, treatment and counseling guidelines on smoking web page on the issue of tobacco (legislative, regulatory, health promotion events, and so on). for 2016 is planned another communication campaign focused on implementation of smoke free enclosed spaces.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 12 of the WHO FCTC" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C269 please provide details in the space below or refer to section E of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes:

instituting a comprehensive ban on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

Yes ✓

Does your ban cover:

- display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?
- the domestic Internet?
- the global Internet?
- brand stretching and/or brand sharing?
- product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?
- the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?
- tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?
- contributions from tobacco companies to any other entity for "socially responsible causes" and/or any other activities implemented under the umbrella of "corporate social responsibility" by the tobacco industry?
- cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?
- the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply?

cooperating with other Parties in the development of technologies and other means necessary to facilitate the elimination of cross-border advertising?

No ✗

imposing penalties for cross-border advertising equal to those applicable to domestic advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory in accordance with national law?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 13 (*Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Starting with 01.01.2016 Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship is totally prohibited

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 13 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=hnwz5wzudgs6be3&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and disseminating appropriate, comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices?

Yes ✓

programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including:

- media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting?
programmes specially designed for underage girls and young women?
programmes specially designed for women?
programmes specially designed for pregnant women?
 - telephone quitlines?
 - local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate?
other (please specify)?
Other
-

design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as:

- educational institutions?
 - health-care facilities?
workplaces?
sporting environments?
other (please specify)?
Other
-

inclusion of diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services for cessation of tobacco use in national programmes, plans and strategies for:

- tobacco control?
 - health?
education?
-

inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?

Yes ✓

Which structures in your health-care system provide programmes for the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence?

- primary health care
secondary and tertiary health care
specialist health-care systems (please specify below)
 - specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence
rehabilitation centres
Other
-

Are the services provided in these settings covered by public funding or reimbursement schemes?

	primary health care	Fully
	secondary and tertiary health care	
	specialist health-care systems (please specify below)	
specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence	rehabilitation centres	Partially
	other (please specify below)	

Which health and other professionals are involved in programmes offering treatment for tobacco dependence and counselling services?

Health professionals including:

	physicians
	dentists
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	family doctors
	practitioners of traditional medicine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other medical professionals (please specify below)
	nurses
	midwives
	pharmacists
	Community workers
	Social workers
	other (please specify)
narcologists	Other

training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	medical?
	dental?
	nursing?
	pharmacy?
	Other

facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (*Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Adopted National Guidance on tobacco cessation - treatment and counseling, also Decree # of 03.03.2016 on establishing of tobacco cessation service and a national free quit-line

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section G of the additional questionnaire.

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C3. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF THE SUPPLY OF TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 15–17

Illicit trade in tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining the origin of the product?

Yes ✓

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining whether the product is legally sold on the domestic market?

Yes ✓

requiring that unit packets and packages of tobacco products for retail and wholesale use that are sold on the domestic market carry the statement: "Sales only allowed in ..." or carry any other effective marking indicating the final destination of the product?

No ✘

developing a practical tracking and tracing regime that would further secure the distribution system and assist in the investigation of illicit trade?

No ✘

requiring that marking is presented in legible form and/or appears in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✔

requiring the monitoring and collection of data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?

Yes ✔

facilitating the exchange of this information among customs, tax and other authorities, as appropriate, and in accordance with national law and applicable bilateral and multilateral agreements?

Yes ✔

enacting or strengthening legislation, with appropriate penalties and remedies, against illicit trade in tobacco products, including counterfeit and contraband cigarettes?

Yes ✔

requiring that confiscated manufacturing equipment, counterfeit and contraband cigarettes and other tobacco products derived from illicit trade are destroyed, using environment-friendly methods where possible, or disposed of in accordance with national law?

Yes ✔

adopting and implementing measures to monitor, document and control the storage and distribution of tobacco products held or moving under suspension of taxes or duties?

Yes ✔

enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes ✔

promoting cooperation between national agencies and relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations in investigations, prosecutions and proceedings, with a view to eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products, with special emphasis on cooperation at regional and subregional levels?

Yes ✔

licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution in order to prevent illicit trade?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 15 (*Illicit trade in tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Custom Service is collaborating with EUBAM on counteracting illicit trade. Was established a Working Group at the Ministry of Internal Affairs for developing Law on accession to the FCTC Protocol on Eliminating Illicit trade. A draft Law was presented to the Government for approval.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Sales to and by minors

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

Please specify the legal age:

18

requiring that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors?

Yes ✓

requiring that, in case of doubt, each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age?

Yes ✓

banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the manufacture and sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

prohibiting and/or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products:

to the public?

to minors?

prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

Yes ✓

providing for penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure compliance?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 16 (*Sales to and by minors*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

New Tobacco Control Law provisions prohibit location of tobacco selling points closer than 200m of educational institutions and health care facilities.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, measures or programmes on any of the following:

promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

tobacco growers?	Yes
tobacco workers?	Not applicable
tobacco individual sellers?	Not applicable

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (*Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

With reference to Articles 18–21

Protection of the environment and the health of persons

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	Yes
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	Yes

implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	Yes
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	Yes

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (*Protection of the environment and the health of persons*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

In order to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke for all population groups by implementing bans on advertising and promotion for sponsorship of tobacco products in all sailing points from 01.01.2016, total ban on tobacco smoking in all indoor public places from 31 May 2016; including hospitality sector, workplaces, educational and health institutions, public buildings. Were developed informational materials for entrepreneurs how to implement Law provisions and for teachers and students in schools, colleges and universities on the negative impact of smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke and their use in education institutions, local authorities provide relevant information that will help implement local regulations prohibiting smoking in public places.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

No

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Liability

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

Does your tobacco control legislation contain measures regarding criminal liability for any violations of that tobacco control legislation?

Yes

Do you have separate criminal liability provisions in relation to tobacco control (outside of the tobacco control legislation)?

Not applicable

Do you have any civil liability measures that are specific to tobacco control?

Yes

Do you have any general civil liability provisions that could apply to tobacco control?

Yes

Do you have civil or criminal liability provisions that provide for compensation for adverse health effects and/or for reimbursement of medical, social or other relevant costs?

Yes

Has any person in your jurisdiction launched any criminal and/or civil liability action, including compensation where appropriate, against any tobacco company in relation to any adverse health effect caused by tobacco use?

No

Have you taken, as appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use in your jurisdiction?

Yes

Please provide a brief description of any progress made, as appropriate, in implementing Article 19 (*Liability*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Parliament of Republic of Moldova adopted in May 2015 the New Law # 124, which amend Tobacco control Law #278 and entered into force in September 2015, which contain provisions of adoption of appropriate administrative measures which are also specified in the Code of Administrative Penalties, which entered into force at the same date. Also were amended the Law on health Insurance with provisions that provide for compensation for adverse health effects and/or for reimbursement of medical, social or other relevant costs.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Research, surveillance and exchange of information

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

- determinants of tobacco consumption?
 - consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - social and economic indicators related to tobacco consumption?
 - tobacco use among women, with special regard to pregnant women?
 - the determinants and consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke?
identification of effective programmes for the treatment of tobacco dependence?
identification of alternative livelihoods?
Other
-

training and support for all persons engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?

Yes ✓

a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

- patterns of tobacco consumption?
 - determinants of tobacco consumption?
 - consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - social, economic and health indicators related to tobacco consumption?
 - exposure to tobacco smoke?
Other
-

Please list all surveys, including the year of the survey, that you have undertaken in the past.

GYTS, 2003, Republic of Moldova
 Demographic and health Survey, Republic of Moldova, 2005
 GYTS, 2008, Republic of Moldova
 MICS Survey in Republic of Moldova, 2012,
 STEPS Survey, 2013
 GYTS, 2013, Republic of Moldova,
 KAP Survey 2017
 GYTS, 2019, Republic of Moldova

Does your country have any plans to repeat any of the above or to undertake a new tobacco survey within three to five years of your last survey? Please provide details in the space below.

To repeat STEPS Survey in 2020

regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

- scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?
- information on the practices of the tobacco industry?
- information on the cultivation of tobacco?

an updated database of:

- laws and regulations on tobacco control?
- information about the enforcement of laws on tobacco control?
- pertinent jurisprudence?

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (*Research, surveillance and exchange of information*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether you included information on WHO FCTC implementation in your Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to target 3.a).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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D. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 21.1(c) and in accordance with Article 26, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental or nongovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral, comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistic support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	No

promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

Please identify the Party or Parties from which assistance was received or to which assistance was provided.

FCTC Secretariat, WHO/Europe, European Union,

Please provide information about any assistance provided or received in the space below, including any support received from nongovernmental organizations (please, specify).

Support in transfer and acquisition of knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control for development of national Tobacco control strategies - after Needs Assessment report in 2010 was set an action plan to develop comprehensive Tobacco control policies. Moldova received technical assistance from WHO, WHO experts for development of the first National Tobacco Control Programme for the years 2012-2016, 2 National Policy Dialogues on Tobacco Control in 2014 and 2015, new Tobacco Control Law adopted on 29.05.2015 which entered into force on 17.09.2015, implementation in 2018 a national communication campaign. focused on current and potential users of tobacco. In 2017 Republic of Moldova become a part of the JATC (Joint Action Tobacco Control Program for implementation of the EU Directive 40 on Tobacco Products), process started in December 2017, and National Agency for Public Health become a collaborating partner for JATC

If you have not received or provided assistance in any of the aforementioned areas, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration, if appropriate.

Have you encouraged relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions in which you are represented to provide financial assistance for developing country Parties and for Parties with economies in transition to assist them in meeting their obligations under the Convention?

No ✘

E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?

1. To enforce new Tobacco Control Law provisions, especially what is related to smoking ban in all enclosed public places and display ban from August 2020.
2. To increase tobacco taxes.
3. To prevent and counteract tobacco industry interference,
4. To reduce smoking prevalence,
5. To maintain active Coordination Council on Tobacco Control,
6. To carry a new communication campaign,
7. To strengthen capacities of Cessation Service

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below.

- Not enough funds for tobacco control measures, for communication campaigns, also insufficient involvement of public authorities,
- More knowledge and regulations are necessary to counteract increasing use of novel tobacco products

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers, other than lack of resources, you have encountered in implementing the Convention?

- Insufficient involvement in tobacco control measures of some relevant ministries as of Economy and of Finance,
- Insufficient trained staff in National Agency for Public Health for Law on Tobacco Control fully enforcement

Do you have any of the following products available on your national tobacco market?

- smokeless tobacco products
- water pipe tobacco
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
- heated tobacco products (HTPs)
- Other

Have you adopted and implemented any policy or regulation that is specific to the following tobacco products?

- smokeless tobacco products
 - water pipe tobacco
 - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
 - Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
 - heated tobacco products (HTPs)
 - Other
-

If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

Please provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.

Your suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:

none

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