

Decree of Government of Georgia

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About Creation of the State Committee for Strengthening Tobacco Control Measures in Georgia

Article 1. For promoting the elaboration and implementation of tobacco control actions, according to Article 6, paragraph 29 of Law “On the Structure, Powers and Procedures of the Government of Georgia” to create a tobacco control state committee (Committee) with the following composition:

Chair of the Committee - Prime Minister of Georgia

Deputy Chair of the Committee – Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Members:

Minister of Education and Science

Minister of Justice

Minister of Internal Affairs

Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia

Minister of Finances

Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development

Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure

Minister of Agriculture

Article 2. To give the task to LEPL L.Sakavrelidze National Center for Disease Control and Public Health under the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia to execute function of the Secretariat of the Committee.

Article 3. To request Members of Parliament, Patriarchate of Georgia, Media Consortiums, Georgian Public Broadcaster, and relevant Non-governmental Organizations to work for the Committee

Article 4. To approve enclosed Regulation of the Committee

Article 5. To give the task to the Secretariat of the Committee:

- a) Within 1 month after getting into force of this Decree to prepare a Tobacco Control National Strategy and intersectoral programme project and present on the Government Meeting
- b) Within 1 month after getting into force of this Decree to prepare and present the project of amendments to the law
- c) to prepare relevant initiatives to be presented on the Government Meetings (projects of law, plans, conclusions, recommendations etc.) and information related to the issues under its competence
- d) to ensure wide mass media coverage of the issues discussed by the Committee

Article 6. Decree to get into force as soon as it is published

Prime Minister of Georgia – Bidzina Ivanishvili (signature)

Tobacco Control State Committee Statute

Article 1. General Regulations

1. Tobacco Control State Committee (Committee) represents a counseling body of Government of Georgia is tobacco control related issues
2. Work of the Committee is guided by Constitution, existing legislation and with this Statute

Article 2. Main functions and objectives of the Committee

Main functions and objectives of the Committee are:

- a) To prepare proposals in favor of elaboration/refinement of tobacco control legislation
- b) To monitor implementation of World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and listen to the reports of the relevant state organizations
- c) To prepare and present to the Government of Georgia the projects, proposals and conclusions elaborated under the functions and objectives of the Committee
- d) To coordinate implementation of the activities considered under the National Strategy and State Programme of Tobacco Control

Article 3. Authority of the Committee

The Committee is authorized to:

- a) To request necessary information and examine relevant documentations under its competency with the purpose of examining tobacco control problematic issues.
- b) to elaborate conclusions and recommendations on the basis of analysis of examined topics
- c) to invite representatives of the ministries, agencies and organizations and independent experts on the sessions with the right to vote if necessary
- d) to create working groups for preparing and elaborating specific issues

Article 4. Chair of the Committee

Chair of the Committee:

- a) chairs activities of the Committee
- b) Invites and leads the Committee sessions
- c) Approves working agenda of the Committee

Article 5. Rule of chairing, composition and operation of the Committee

1. The Committee is chaired by its Chair, in case of absence of the Chair, by Deputy Chair
2. A protocol is drawn up during the Committee session, which reflects all the topics and decision discussed during the session. Each member of the Committee has a right to request holding of the Committee session and reflect their opinion in the protocol of the session
3. The Committee Secretariat carries out the organizational and technical provision of inviting the session and drawing up the protocol.

Article 6. Rule of holding the Committee sessions and making decisions

1. The Committee meetings are held once a quarter and upon the necessity Chair of Committee can also invite the session
2. The Committee is eligible to make a decision if more than a half of its members are presented on the session
3. The decision at the Committee sessions are made based on the simple majority of the votes of presented members
4. In case of even distribution of votes, vote of the Chair decides the outcome of the decision