

First Progress Report for the COP to the FCTC Syrian Arab Republic, February 2007

Clarifications and Attachments

Part 2(a)

The source is Central Bureau of Statistics in Syria (attachment No. 1: estimate of population actually living in Syria at mid year 2005 in thousands(000)by age group, sex and place of residence).

Part 3.1(a)

The source is National Survey on Tobacco Use(attachment No. 2: prevalence rate of tobacco use). The definition of daily smoker is: who uses at least one unit of any tobacco products daily; the definition of occasional smoker is: who uses at least one unit of any tobacco products but not daily.

Part 3.1(B)

The source is National Survey on Tobacco Use(attachment No. 3: prevalence rate of smokeless tobacco use).

Part 3.1(d)

The source is GYTS, Syrian Report (attachment No. 4: results of tobacco use). The definition of youth groups is: 13-18 years; the definition of prevalence is: at least one unit of any tobacco products in the past 30 days.

Part 3.2(a)

The source is Tobacco General Establishment.

Part 3.2(c)

The source is Tobacco General Establishment.

Part 4(b)

The source is Tobacco General Establishment.

Part 5.1

Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco

They will be discussed in 2007 and 2008.

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces

The source is Announcement of Cabinet No. 25/b/15/6326 issued in 2005(attachment No. 50).

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in restaurants

It will be discussed in 2007.

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor public places(except restaurants)

The source is Decision No. 66 issued in 2006 by Ministry of Local Administration and Environment(attachment No. 6).

Regulation of tobacco product disclosures & illicit trade in tobacco products

The sources are Syrian National Specification on Cigarettes No. 2656 issued in 2002 by Ministry of Industry(attachment No. 7), Law of Customs, and Instructions of Tobacco General Establishment.

Sales to and by minors

The source is Decision No. 66 issued in 2006 by Ministry of Local Administration and Environment(attachment No. 6). The prohibition of the sales of tobacco products by minors will be discussed in 2007.

Liability

Will be discussed in the next phase.

Part 5.2

Regulation of the contents of tobacco products & packaging and labeling of tobacco products

The source is Syrian National Specification on Cigarettes No. 2656 issued in 2002 by Ministry of Industry(attachment No. 7).

Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

The source is Decree No. 13 issued in 1996(attachment No. 8). The answers of item13.4(b)and 13.4(d) are no, because the advertisement is banned completely

Part 6.1

There was a national plan on tobacco control for the period of 2000-2003(attachment No. 9), then a plan was established yearly. Now, one is established for the period of 2007-2011

Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation[item 14.2(d)]

Will be discussed in 2007 and 2008.

Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

Will be discussed in the next phase.

Research, surveillance and exchange of information[item 20.4(b)]

Will be discussed in 2007 and 2008.

Part 6.2

Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

Will be discussed in 2007 and 2008.

Research, surveillance and exchange of information[item 20.3(a)]

Will be included in the expanded database that will be established.