

REPORTING INSTRUMENT

1. Origin of the report [Help](#)

Question 1 is mandatory

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2. Demographics [Help](#)

Demographics & Tobacco Use Sections:

These sections of the progress report comprise questions regarding obligations under the WHO Framework Convention requiring that Contracting Parties monitor and/or collect data regarding the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, including data sensitive to gender, youth and indigenous populations.

(a) Age and sex: [Help](#)

Create Age Group

Question 2(a) is mandatory

Please complete all sections of the table, including the year in which the data were collected. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., if there are more than five age groups). Please provide the relevant documentation and sources used.

Year (latest available)	Age groups	Percentage of <i>male</i> population	Percentage of <i>female</i> population	Percentage of <i>total</i> population
2007	0-14	14,21	12,62	13,39
2007	15-24	13,83	12,34	13,07
2007	25-64	57,30	55,20	56,22
2007	65-84	13,82	18,36	16,16
2007	85+	0,82	1,46	1,15

(b) Ethnicity (optional): [Help](#)

Create Ethnic Group

Question 2(b) is optional

If appropriate, please include ethnicity. Use more than one table if necessary (e.g., if there are more than five ethnic groups). Please report all ethnic groups reported in official statistics.

Name of ethnic group	Percentage of total population
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3. Tobacco use

i. Prevalence (ref. **Article 19.2(a)**, **Article 20.2** and **Article 20.3(a)**) [Help](#)

(a) Smoking tobacco: [Help](#)

	Age groups ¹ (adults) 25-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ²	25 - 64	cigarettes	2007	46.60
Occasional smokers ²	25 - 64	cigarettes	2007	5.80
Females				
Daily smokers ²	-2564	cigarettes	2007	32.70
Occasional smokers ²	25 - 64	cigarettes	2007	5.40
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²	25 - 64	cigarettes	2007	39.60
Occasional smokers ²	25 - 64	cigarettes	2007	5.60

	Age group (Adult) 65-84	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ³				
Occasional smokers ²				
Females				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

	Age group (Adult) 85+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ⁴				

¹ Preferably by 10-year categories; e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

² Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

³ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

⁴ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

Occasional smokers ²				
Females				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

If available, please provide the average number of cigarettes smoked per day by the smoking population:

	Age groups ⁵ (adults) 25-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers⁶	25 - 64		2007	1-10 (23.20%) 11-20 (55.4%) 21+ (21.4%)
Female smokers²	25 - 64		2007	1-10 (49.4%) 11-20 (43.5%) 21+ (7.1%)
Total smokers²	25 - 64		2007	1-10 (35.4%) 11-20 (49.9%) 21+ (14.7%)

	Age group (Adult) 65-84	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers⁷				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

⁵ Preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

⁶ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

⁷ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

	Age group (Adult) 85+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers⁸				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

(b) Smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco (optional): [Help](#)

	Age group 25-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 65-84	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				

⁸ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 85+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

(c) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for ethnic groups, please provide. [Help](#)

	Ethnic group	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

(d) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for youth groups, please provide. [Help](#)

Create Youth Group

	Youth groups ⁹	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence ¹⁰ (%)
Males	13 - 15	cigarettes	2008	24.40
Females	13 - 15	cigarettes	2008	31.6

⁹ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹⁰ Parties should provide definition for youth smoking; e.g. at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

ii. **Supply** [Help](#)

- (a) Licit supply of tobacco (ref. **Article 20.4(c)** and **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**) [Help](#)

	Domestic production	Exports	Imports
Year (latest available)	2007	2007	2007
Quantity (specify product and unit; e.g. millions of cigarettes)	17232t	4 420 tons	

Note: licit supply = domestic production + (imports - exports)

- (b) Please provide information regarding duty-free sales volumes, if available.
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Export figures comprise the export to third countries as well as the sales volumes in duty free shops. The data are for 2007 because in the beginning of 2008 the duty free shops were closed.

- (c) Seizures of illicit tobacco (ref. **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**) [Help](#)

	Year (latest available)	Quantity seized (specify unit, e.g., millions of pieces)
Cigarettes	2007	19 000 000of cigaretetes(there is a tendency of decreasing the siezed numbers by 58% compared with 2006)
Other tobacco products (optional; please specify product) :		

- (d) Please provide information regarding illicit or smuggled tobacco (optional) (ref. **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**). [Help](#)

Question 3ii(d) is optional

Please provide information on illicit or smuggled tobacco.

During 2007 there were 3 683 infringements connected with tobacco products which is 88% of the total numbers of smuggling found by customs officers

4. Taxation [Help](#)

(a) Please provide your rates of taxation for tobacco products for all levels of government, and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax: excise, VAT or sales, import duties) (ref. **Article 6.3**). [Help](#)

Since 01.01.2007 excise duties on cigarettes are as follows:

- the most commonly sold cigarette brand – prognostic duty at equal other conditions is 2.60 leva.
- specific duty - 6,50 leva per 1000 cigarettes;
- proportional duty - 54 % of the retail price.

Total excise duty per 1000 cigarettes - 76.70 leva./39.22 Euro of the most commonly sold cigarette brand of 2.60 leva. i.e.at most commonly sold cigarette brand under 2.60 leva a disability follows to fulfil the engagement of 38.22 Euro/74.75 leva per 1000 cigarettes and an increase follows in excise duty.

According to Art 53, para 3 of the Bulgarian Health Law 1% of tobacco and spirits excise taxes are used for funding tobacco, alcohol and drug control programmes

(b) Please attach the relevant documentation (ref. **Article 6.3**). (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.) [Help](#)

(c) Please provide retail prices for the three most popular brands of domestic and imported tobacco products in your jurisdiction, and the relevant year (ref. **Article 6.2(a)**). [Help](#)

2007 Domestic brands: Sredec 2,40 lv; Victory 2,60 lv; Prestiz 2,20 lv

2008 Domestic brands: Sredec 2,50 lv; Victory 2,75 lv; Prestiz 2,60 lv

2007 Imported products: Vaisroy 2,00 lv; Karelia 2,50 lv, Mallboro 3,40 lv

2008 Imported products: Vaisroy 2,40 lv; Karelia 2,80 lv, Mallboro 3,50 lv

5. **Legislative, executive, administrative and other measures** [Help](#)

i. **Core questions** [Help](#)

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

Please check yes or no. For affirmative answers, you are asked to attach a brief summary and the relevant documentation. (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.)

Article	Pursuant to Article 21.1(a) , have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation)	No
Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco			
6.2(b)	Prohibiting or restricting sales to and/or importations by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke		Full/Partial/None	
8.2 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	in indoor workplaces?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- government buildings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- health care facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- educational facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- private workplaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in public transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in indoor public places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- cultural facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- bars and night clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If you responded "Partial" to the measures outlined in Article 8.2, please provide specific details of the partial ban here: Article 56 (2) of the Health Law and Ordinance of Conditions and Order of Permitted Smoking as an Exception in Separated Enclosed Areas of Indoor Public Places and Indoor Places of Employment which are attached as separate documents			
Regulation of tobacco product disclosures			
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring manufacturers and/or importers of tobacco products to disclose to governmental authorities information about contents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Illicit trade in tobacco products			
15.2(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring marking of packaging to assist in determining the origin of the product?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	and to assist in determining whether the product is legally for sale on the domestic market?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.3 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring that marking is in legible form and/or appear in its principal language or languages?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.4(b)	Enacting or strengthening legislation against illicit trade in tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.4(e)	Enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from the illicit trade?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.7	Licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sales to and by minors			
16.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify legal age: 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.2	Prohibiting or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products to the public and especially minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.3	Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.6	Providing for penalties against sellers and distributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.7	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liability			
19.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Dealing with criminal and civil liability, including compensation where appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions** [Help](#)

It should be noted that responses to these questions are not required at the time of Group 1 reports, but may be answered at this time if applicable.

Article	Have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation) ¹¹	No
Regulation of the contents of tobacco products			
9	Testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹¹ Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if available, and please specify sections of your legislation related to each “yes” response.

<input type="checkbox"/> Help	Regulating the contents of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Regulating the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging and labelling of tobacco products			
11.1(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Help	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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)	Requiring that packaging and labelling also carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(i)	Ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(ii)	Ensuring that the health warnings are rotating?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(iii)	Ensuring that the health warnings are large, clear, visible and legible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(iv)	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(v)	Ensuring that the health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.2	Requiring that packaging and labelling contains information on relevant constituents and emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.3	Requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit package, and on any outside packaging and labelling in your principal language or languages?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> Help			
13.2	Instituting a comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	including on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.3	Applying restrictions, in the absence of a comprehensive ban, on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Restricting or instituting a comprehensive ban on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(a)	Prohibiting all forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship that promote a tobacco product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.4(b)	Requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising and promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.4(c)	Restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.4(d)	Requiring the disclosure to relevant governmental authorities of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?		
13.4(e)	Restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on radio, television, print media and other media, such as the Internet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(f)	Prohibiting or restricting tobacco sponsorship of international events, activities and/or participants therein?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any additional legislation or other measures not covered in Question 5, you may provide additional details here: [Help](#)

No additional measures. Everything is covered by the legislative documents attached: Law on tobacco and tobacco products, Ordinance on the requirements for labeling, marking and outside packing of tobacco products and on defining standards for evaluation of the compliance with the yield of harmful ingredients in cigarettes

6. Programmes and plans [Help](#)

i. Core questions [Help](#)

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

	Yes (please attach the relevant documentation) ¹²	No
Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 5.1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, have some partial strategies, plans and programmes been developed and implemented? (Article 5.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you responded yes to either of the first two questions, which of the following do these strategies, plans and programmes cover? Please check, and provide a brief summary. (Please provide the summary in one of the six official languages.)

¹² Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if possible.

General obligations <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
5.2(a)	A national coordinating mechanism or focal point(s) for tobacco control?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.3	Protection of policies from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry? no data available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education, communication, training and public awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
12(a)	Broad access to effective and comprehensive educational and public awareness programmes on the health risks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at adults and/or the general public? In 2007 a special no tobacco campaign targeted at the general public was convened aimed at passive smoking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at children and youth? A broad awareness activity in schools and other youth settings has been carried on by the regional inspectorates for protection and control of public health in 2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(b)	Public awareness about the health risks of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, and about the benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles? It is implemented at regional level (all 28 regions of the country) and in the CINDI zones in a more intensive way (Countrywide Integration Noncommunicable Diseases Intervention programme)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(c)	Public access to a wide range of information on the tobacco industry? no data available	<input type="checkbox"/>
12(e)	Awareness and participation of public and private agencies and nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry in developing and implementing intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control? no data available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
14.1	Comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices to promote cessation of tobacco use and adequate treatment for tobacco dependence? A national guideline for preventing and restricting tobacco consumption was developed by the National Center of Public Health Protection in 2004 and widely used by the respective institutions at national and local levels.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(d)	Facilitation of accessibility and affordability for treatment of tobacco dependence including pharmaceutical products? Only counselling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
17	Promotion of economically viable alternatives for tobacco workers, growers and, as the case may be, individual sellers? The Ministry of Agriculture and Foods has developed a special programme for gradual replacement of tobacco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research, surveillance and exchange of information <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
20.1(a)	Research that addresses the determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke as well as research for identification of alternative crops? The Ministry of agriculture and foods has special programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4(b)	Updated data from national surveillance programmes? The data in this report have been taken from the first update of the national surveillance of tobacco in 2007. Such updates will be carried on every two years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions** [Help](#)

Education, communication, training and public awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
12(d)	Appropriate training or awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to persons such as health, community and social workers, media professionals, educators, decision-makers, administrators and other concerned persons? The National tobacco control programme for 2007-2010 envisages such training. Up to now the health and media professionals, and educators have been trained (the Programme is attached).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(f)	Public awareness of and access to information regarding the adverse health, economic, and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption? Campaigns, development and dissemination of films and videos, development and implementation of projects at national and local levels by the respective institutions for health prevention and public health protection directed mainly towards youth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
14.2(a)	Design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as educational institutions, health care facilities, workplaces and sporting environments? In all 28 Regional Inspectorates for public health special offices for cessation consulting were established.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(b)	Diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services on cessation of tobacco use in national health and education programmes, plans and strategies, with the participation of health workers, community workers and social workers? According to the National Framework Contract of the Health Insurance Fund, the GPs are obliged to perform these activities within their preventive and promotive work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(c)	Establishment in health care facilities and rehabilitation centres of programmes for diagnosing, counselling, preventing and treating tobacco dependence? no data available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of the environment and the health of persons <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
18	Due regard to the protection of the environment and the health of persons in relation to the environment in respect of tobacco cultivation and manufacture within its territory? no data available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research, surveillance and exchange of information <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
20.1(b)	Training and support for all those engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation? Representatives of National Tobacco Control Program participate in international trainings and projects such as Stability Pact, HELP of the EC, European Quitline Network, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.2	Programmes for national, regional and global surveillance of the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke? Bulgaria is an active participants of Global Youth Tobacco Survey (2002,2008), ESPAD (1999,2003,2007)	
20.3(a)	A national system for epidemiological surveillance of tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators? The National Center of Public Health Protection started such system in 2007. Every two years representative surveys will be carried on.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4	The exchange of publicly available scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information, as well as information regarding practices of the tobacco industry and the cultivation of tobacco? Bulgaria as a member of WHO/EURO participates in regular exchange of information and good practices. As a member of EU participates in the Regularity Committee on tobacco issues.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4(a)	An updated database of laws and regulations on tobacco control, and information about their enforcement, as well as pertinent jurisprudence? A national database containing all Bulgarian legislative documents exist and is duly updated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Technical and financial assistance [Help](#)

The goal of this section is to assist the Secretariat in facilitating the coordination of available skills and resources with identified needs.

Pursuant to **Article 21.1(c)**, 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 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:

	Assistance provided (please give details below)	Assistance received (please give details below)
Development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control? (Article 22.1(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 22.1(b))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12? (Article 22.1(c))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistical support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 22.1(d))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No

treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(e))		
Promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(f))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Other. Specify:		
<p>Additional details:</p> <p>If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.</p> <p>Training in lobbying and raising awareness of politicians in tobacco control aiming at changing the current legislation.</p> <p>If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p> <p>Bulgarian representative participated in EU project on developing programme for GPs regarding treatment issues. In the period 2006-2007 Bulgaria participated in the Tobacco Control project of the Stability Pact under the Social Cohesion Initiative and received technical and logistic assistance and training.</p>		

Pursuant to **Article 21.3**, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance to support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in meeting reporting obligations?

Assistance provided <input type="checkbox"/> Help	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)	Assistance received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)
<p>Additional details:</p> <p>If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.</p> <p>If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p>			

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed, for the financial and technical assistance provided or received? [Help](#)

Please advise if you identified any specific gaps between resources available and the needs assessed. If you answered 'Yes' to the identification of specific gaps you will need to provide details. If you answered 'No' to the identification of specific gaps you will need to check the 'No' box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please give details below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Additional details:	

8. Priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control [Help](#)

What are the priority areas for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction? (Ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

The following priorities are the most important at the current stage:

1. Introduction of total ban of tobacco smoking in public places
2. Introduction of comprehensive ban of advertising

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers you have encountered in implementing the Convention? (ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

9. Additional comments [Help](#)

Please provide any relevant information not covered elsewhere that you feel is important.

10. Questionnaire feedback

- (a) Please provide feedback for improvement of the Group 1 questionnaire. [Help](#)

- (b) Please provide input for the future development of the Group 2 questionnaire.
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