

REPORTING INSTRUMENT

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

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2. Demographics [Help](#)

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

Year (latest available)	Age groups	Percentage of <i>male</i> population	Percentage of <i>female</i> population	Percentage of <i>total</i> population
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(b) Ethnicity (optional): [Help](#)

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)	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ²	18	Yes	2003	5.18
Occasional smokers ²	18	Yes	2003	1.81
Females				

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

² Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

Daily smokers ²	18	Yes	2003	1.78
Occasional smokers ²	18	yes	2003	1.64
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²	18	Yes	2003	3.21
Occasional smokers ²	18	Yes	2003	1.72

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

	Age groups ³ (adults)	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers⁴	18	No	2003	1.94
Female smokers²	18	No	2003	1.22
Total smokers²	18	No	2003	1.71

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

	Age group	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				

³ Preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

⁴ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

(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 ⁵	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence ⁶ (%)
Males	13-15	No	2003	9,4
Females	13-15	No	2003	3,5

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)	2006	2006	2006
Quantity (specify product and unit; e.g. millions of cigarettes)	125669 millions of cigarettes	16926 millions of cigarettes	0 (no importation was made with the purpose of domestic market supply)

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

⁵ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

⁶ Parties should provide definition for youth smoking; e.g. at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

- (b) Please provide information regarding duty-free sales volumes, if available. [Help](#)

Republic of Turkey,Prime Ministry Undersecretariat of Customs

- (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		
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](#)

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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](#)

Excise Duty: %58 of retail sale price

VAT: %18 of retail sale price

Imported Raw Tobacco: 3000\$/t and %25 customs duty

Imported Tobacco Products: 2 cent/unit or gr

- (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](#)

Tekel 2001 KS Box :2,75 YTL
Marlboro Red Long :4,80 YTL
Winston KS Box: 3,50 YTL

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- government buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- health care facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- educational facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- private workplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in public transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	in indoor public places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- cultural facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- bars and night clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If you responded “Partial” to the measures outlined in Article 8.2, please provide specific details of the partial ban here:</p> <p>concerning government buildings: smoking is prohibited in indoor workplaces where 5 or more personnel works</p> <p>concerning other: smoking is prohibited in Indoor Sporting Places and passenger waiting rooms of public transportation firms.</p>				
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)	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 checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify legal age: 18
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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) ⁷	No
Regulation of the contents of tobacco products			
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	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"/>
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>

⁷ 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.

Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> Help			
13.2	Instituting a comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	including on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.3	Applying restrictions, in the absence of a comprehensive ban, on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Restricting or instituting a comprehensive ban on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(b)	Requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising and promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(c)	Restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(d)	Requiring the disclosure to relevant governmental authorities of expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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](#)

• **Law No: 4207 on The Prevention of Harmful Effects of the Tobacco Products (OG No: 22829, 26 November 1996)**

Law No: 5326 on Misdemeanours (OG No: 25772 bis., 31 March 2005)

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) ⁸	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.)

General obligations <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
5.2(a)	A national coordinating mechanism or focal point(s) for tobacco control? Ministry of Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.3	Protection of policies from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry? ?	<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? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at adults and/or the general public? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at children and youth? MoH	<input 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? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
12(c)	Public access to a wide range of information on the tobacco industry? Efforts between Turkey and the European Union continue concerning the clarification of the range of information to be announced to the public	<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? MoH	<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? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.2(d)	Facilitation of accessibility and affordability for treatment of tobacco dependence including	<input type="checkbox"/>

⁸ Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if possible.

	pharmaceutical products? MoH	
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? In some regions, promotions of economically viable alternatives are provided to tobacco growers.	<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? MoH and MARA	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4(b)	Updated data from national surveillance programmes?	<input 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? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
12(f)	Public awareness of and access to information regarding the adverse health, economic, and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption? MoH	<input 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? MoH	<input 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? MoH	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.2(c)	Establishment in health care facilities and rehabilitation centres of programmes for diagnosing, counselling, preventing and treating tobacco dependence? MoH	<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? Tobacco produced are subject to residue control. ??	<input checked="" 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.2	Programmes for national, regional and global surveillance of the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3(a)	A national system for epidemiological surveillance of tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators?	<input 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? ?	<input 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? Database ?	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistical support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

(Article 22.1(d))		
Identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(e))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(f))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Other. Specify: NO		
<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>		

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 checked="" 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](#)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (please give details below) Concerning the establishment of the tobacco and tobacco products reference laboratory, technical assistance is needed.	<input 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)**)

Illicit trade, smuggling, transit regime, establishment of a reference laboratory, licensing, advertisement, promotion, sponsorship, tracking and tracing.

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

International Criminal Organizations

9. **Additional comments** [Help](#)

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

TOBACCO CONTROL IN TURKEY

Although Turkey is a large producer of tobacco, Turkey was one of the first countries to sign and ratify FCTC and became Party to Convention. With this, Turkey has shown commitment to creating a legislative and policy environment that supports protocols on smoke-free public places, cross-border advertising and promotion and sponsorship and protocol on illicit trade of tobacco products. Turkey already has strong legislation on direct and indirect tobacco advertising. There are also strong taxation and prices policies on cigarettes compared to neighboring countries. Although Turkey already has legislation on smoke-free work places except hospitality sector, there is lack of clarity and enforcement with many exceptions including smoking rooms in most buildings. In the same way that Turkey has implemented a successful ad ban, with increased capacity, Turkey will be in a favorable position to implement and enforce a complete smoking ban in public places and workplaces. The MoH has a great deal of experience in Tobacco Control. In a country which produces a large amount of tobacco, the MoH has already made important progress on key tobacco control areas. This includes the successful implementation of a ban on both direct and indirect advertising. The MoH was a key participant in the FCTC process and with the leadership of the MoH, Turkey was one of the first countries to sign and ratify the FCTC. (Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Law No: 5261 on Approval of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (OG No: 25656, 30 November 2004), Decree of Council of Ministers No:2004/8235 , 25 December 2004 Turkey has become a party to this Convention). Under the leadership of the MoH Turkey, has already formed a national tobacco control program (NTCP) which collaborates with more than 100 experts from the academic, relevant government institutions and NGO. The NTCP has the official designation from the Prime Minister as an official entity with the country. (In 2005, the Ministry of Health formed a working group, including participants from non-governmental organizations, universities, and other relevant institutions to develop goals and objectives for a National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) for Turkey.

The working group produced these objectives concerning prevalence of tobacco use: 1 - To reduce adult (age 15 and over) prevalence of tobacco use to 20% by 2010 2 - To reduce youth (<15 years) prevalence of tobacco use to 0 % by 2010.

Turkey National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) has been developed with the joint efforts of 130 national counterparts (from public institutions, academia and CSOs) at the leadership of the Ministry of Health, and published in the Turkish Official Gazette (<http://rega.basbakanlik.gov.tr/index.aspx#>) dated 7 October 2006 numbered 26312 as Prime Minister's Circular numbered 2006/29. With the Prime Minister's circular, First time, it is officially accepted that, "tobacco use has an enormous negative impact on health and the economy: annually, it is responsible for about 100.000 premature deaths and an economic loss of US\$ 17.72 billion in Turkey ".)

The MoH has formerly established a Tobacco Control Office which will have responsibility for coordination and implementation tobacco control activities.

(29/11/2006 Establishment of Office of Tobacco Control within the Primary Health Care General Directorate of Ministry of Health and Establishment of 08/02/2007 National Tobacco Control Committee)

In Turkey, tobacco control initiatives are taken by the Office of Tobacco Control under the Ministry of Health General Directorate of Primary Health Care. The Directorate gives the highest priority to preventing children from starting to smoke, protecting non-smokers from SHS, helping adults to make informed decisions and supporting those who want to stop smoking. Fulfilling these targets and raising public awareness of healthy lifestyles, including encouraging the use of sports facilities, will be among the priorities of the Ministry of Health in the next few years.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES ON TOBACCO CONTROL (MoH)

- **31 World No Smoking Day Activities**
- **Organizing TV and radio programs and seminars**
- **Conducting public education activities via posters, brochures and leaflets**
- **Training of health professionals**
- **Protecting second hand smokers**
- **Establishing quitting centers and supporting the potential quitters**
- **Cooperating with international organizations**
- **Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)**
- **Quit and Win Campaigns**

Recently, the MoH has also sent 2 circulars to the provinces to bring about a total ban on smoking in all health facilities including central buildings of the MoH. The MoH has expressed and exhibited a renewed commitment to making tobacco control and key issues within the MOH.

WHAT IS NEXT?

- 1. Completion of National Tobacco Action Plan,**
- 2. Draft Law on Amending the Law No. 4207 Concerning the Prevention of Harmful Effects of**

the Tobacco Products is on the agenda of National Grand Assembly. This Draft Law includes new provisions such as; •Prohibited areas of consumption of tobacco and tobacco products are extended (restaurants, cafes, tee houses), It is prohibited to sell tobacco and tobacco products through vending machines, Appearance of smoking in audio-visual media is prohibited, Sanctions are revised based on proportionality.

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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