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FCTC/COP11(12)

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## Decision

### **FCTC/COP11(12) Mobilization by Parties of sustainable resources for tobacco control**

The Conference of the Parties (COP),

Recalling the general obligations of Parties under Article 5.6 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) to cooperate to raise financial resources for effective implementation of the Convention through bilateral and multilateral funding mechanisms;

Recalling Article 26 of the WHO FCTC, which states that financial resources play an important role in achieving the objective of the Convention, and that each Party shall provide financial support in respect of its national activities intended to achieve the objective of the Convention, in accordance with its national plans, priorities and programmes;

Noting the Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control: Advancing Sustainable Development through the Implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019–2025 adopted in decision FCTC/COP8(16), which provides a key strategic road map for effective implementation of the Convention and encourages Parties to mobilize sustainable resources for tobacco control;

Noting decision FCTC/COP10(15) to extend the Global Strategy until 2030 to ensure coherence and alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Reaffirming that domestic resource mobilization is the core strategy for achieving long-term, sustainable and predictable funding for national tobacco-control programmes;

Noting with concern the finding in paragraph 30 of document FCTC/COP/11/4, which indicates that the primary barriers to effective implementation cited by Parties have become, in order of priority, the lack of human resources, and tobacco industry interference, with the lack of financial resources becoming a secondary barrier;

Acknowledging the anticipated delay in achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 3.a (WHO FCTC implementation) as identified in the SDG 2023 midterm review conducted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council;

Recognizing the key role of the FCTC 2030 project in providing targeted technical assistance and also the potential of the WHO FCTC Investment Fund (or similar pooled mechanisms) to stabilize the Secretariat's core budget;

Emphasizing that these two mechanisms cannot constitute a sustainable financing model for domestic-level implementation;

Emphasizing the unique potential of tobacco taxation (Article 6) to create increased revenue, reduced tobacco use, and a possible sustainable source of funding, dedicated, inter alia, for health and tobacco control;

Noting the report of the Convention Secretariat contained in document FCTC/COP/11/4,

1. URGES Parties:

(a) to consider strengthening the implementation of Article 6 of the WHO FCTC by adopting and regularly adjusting effective tobacco tax policies, in accordance with domestic law and circumstances; and

(b) to consider voluntarily scaling up their international financial support for tobacco control to enable recipient countries to build the necessary capacities;

2. REQUESTS the Convention Secretariat to present to the Twelfth session of the COP (COP12) a report on the existing funding gap to achieve full implementation of the WHO FCTC and possible recommendations on how to address this gap.

(Fifth plenary meeting, 22 November 2025)

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