

NICOTINE ON THE UN AGENDA PART II COUNTRY ACTION

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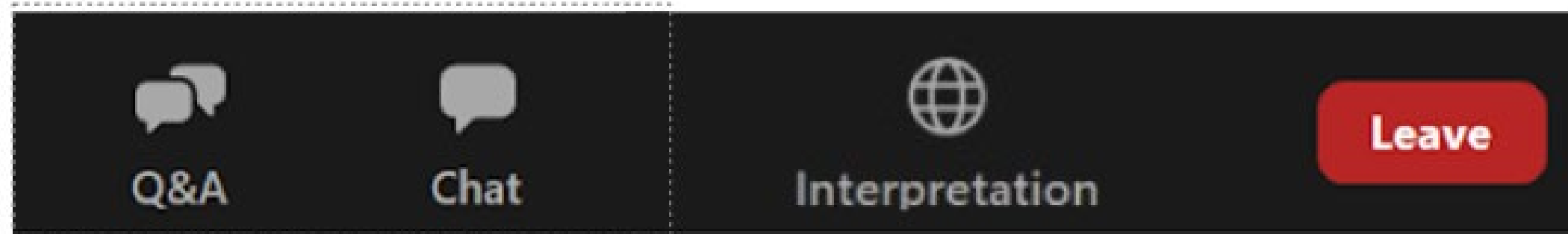


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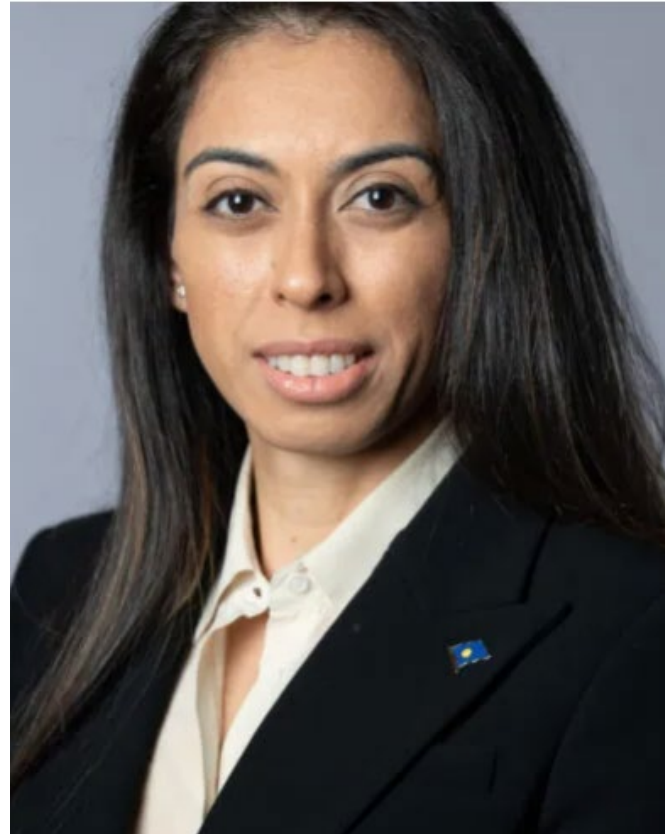


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Alignment between the FCTC and nicotine scheduling

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WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL



WE ARE 20 

We are WHO FCTC.
We are committed to creating a healthier, more sustainable future.

We are **183** Parties, united to create a tobacco-free future.

In the last **20** Years, we have been committed to fulfilling our mission of...

- Keeping tobacco control on the global health agenda
- Fostering international collaboration
- Providing Parties with a powerful tool to combat the tobacco epidemic.



#FCTC20Years

Celebrating
20 years



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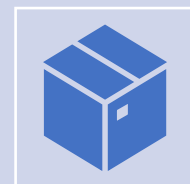
Examples of FCTC as Standard Setter



Smokefree Air



Graphic Warning Labels



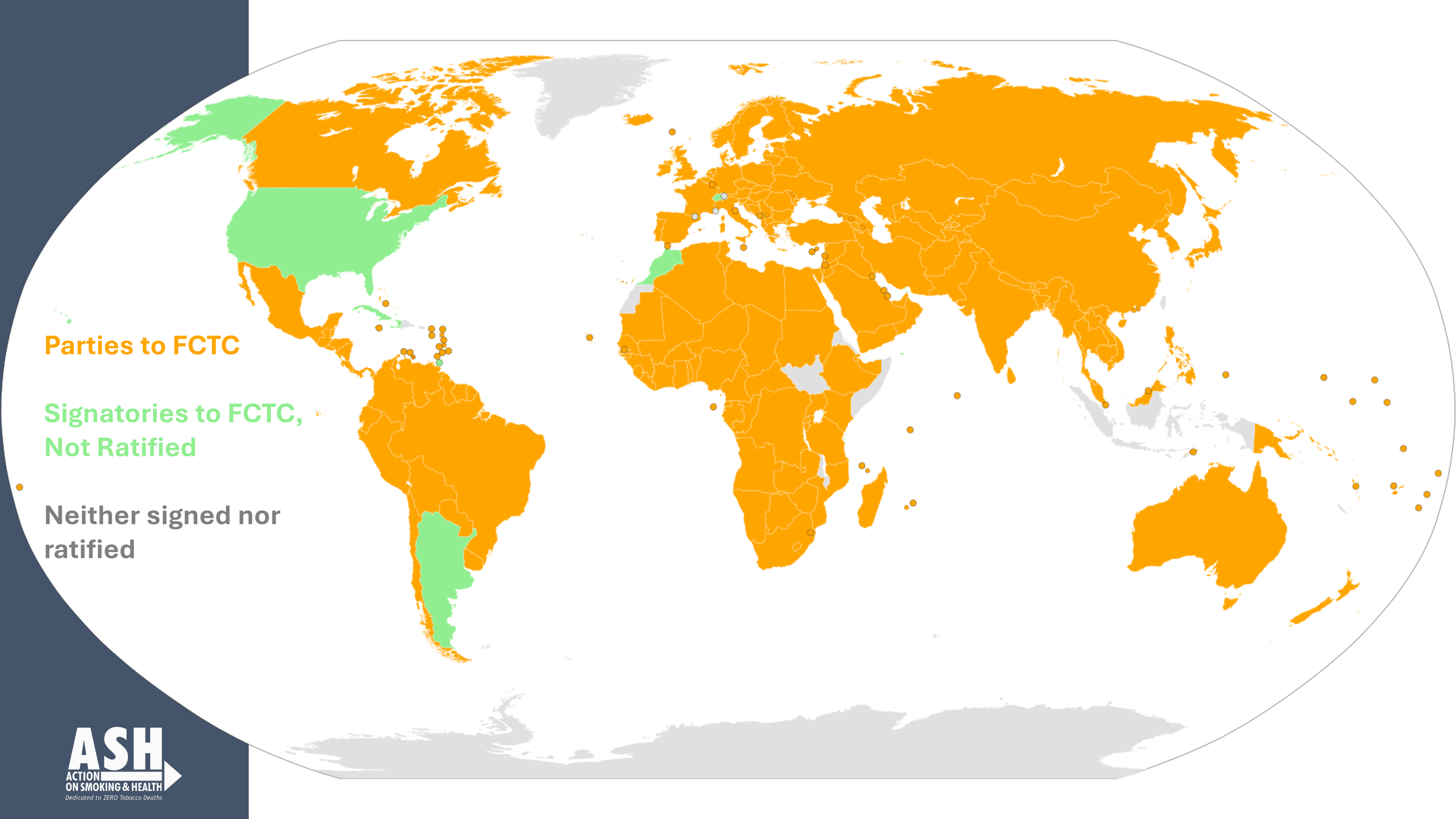
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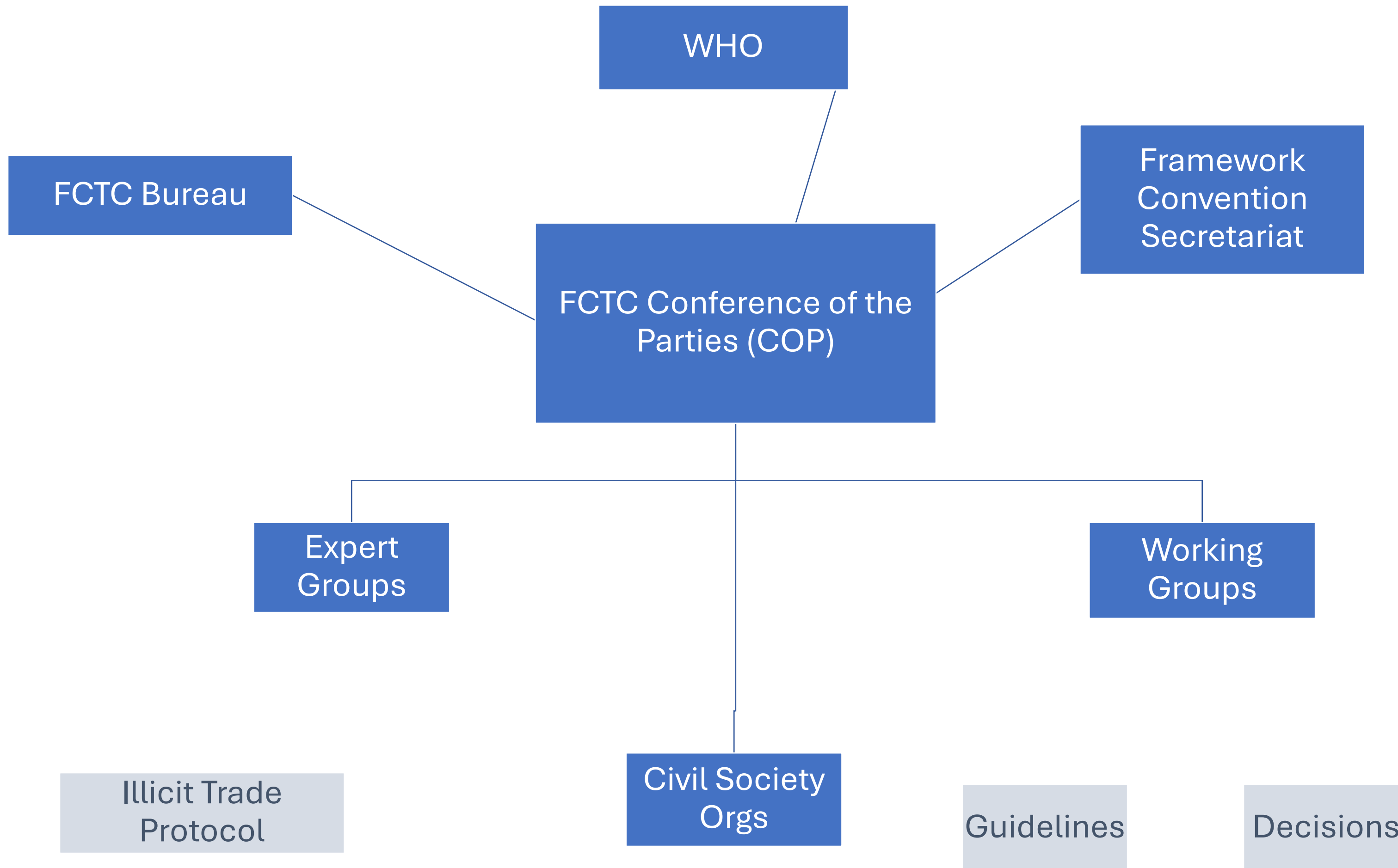


Parties to FCTC

**Signatories to FCTC,
Not Ratified**

**Neither signed nor
ratified**





Key FCTC Articles

2.1 FCTC is a floor, not a ceiling

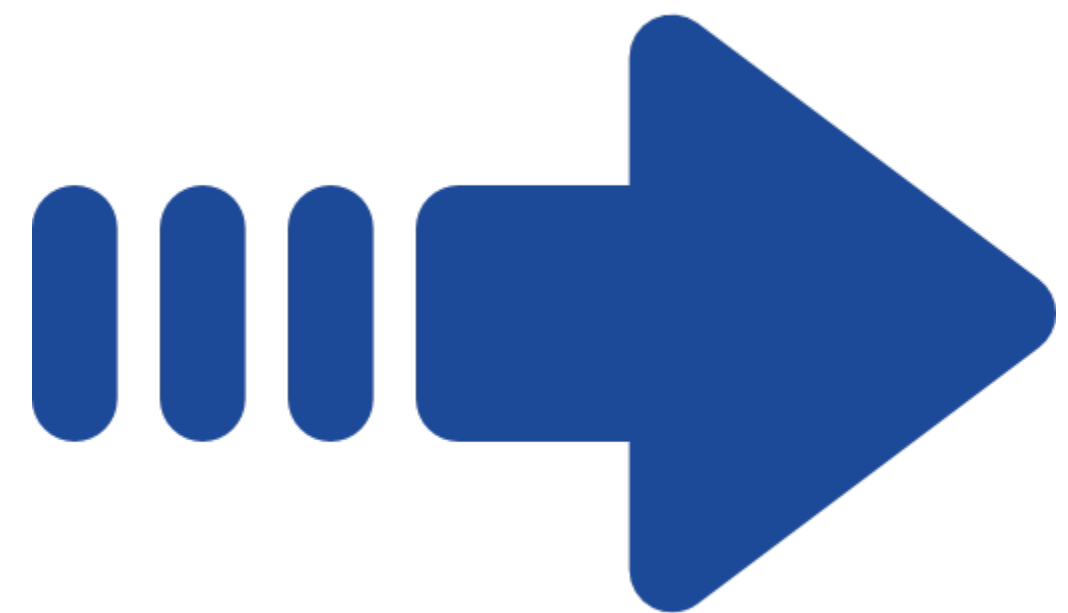
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5.5 International Cooperation

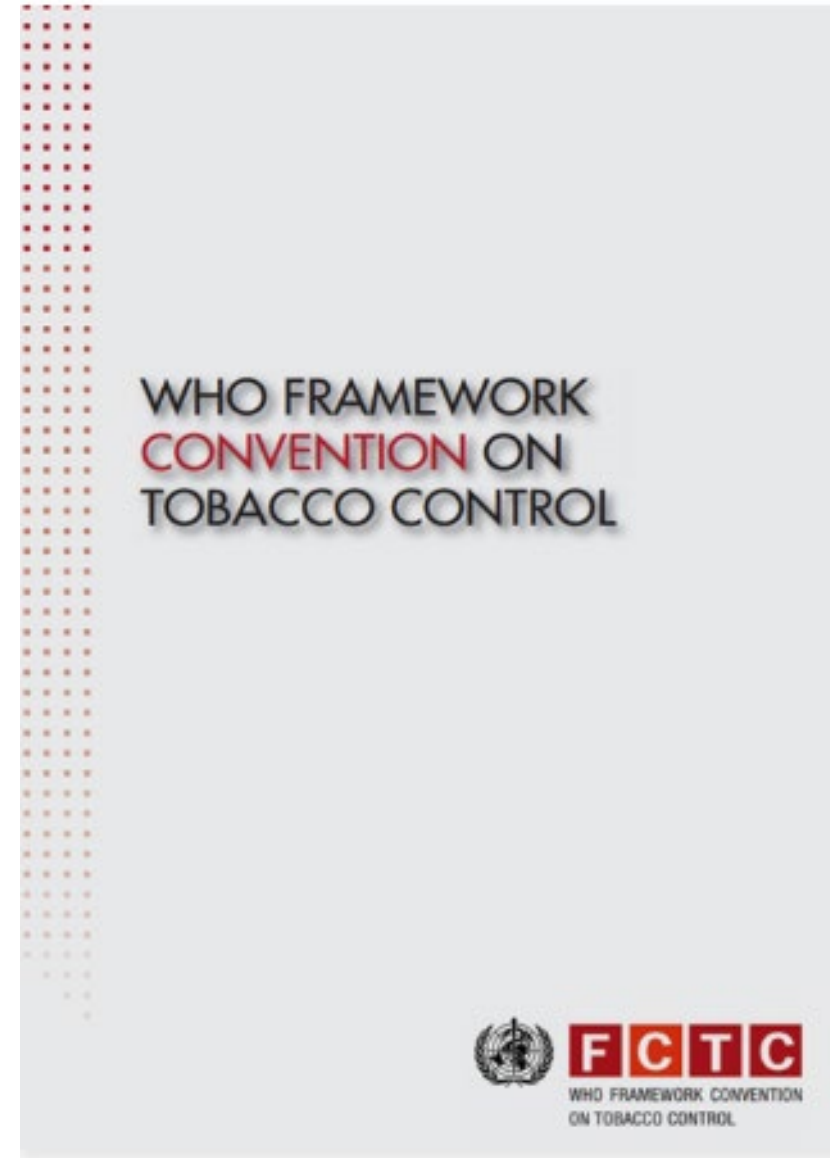
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Article 2.1

Forward Looking Measures



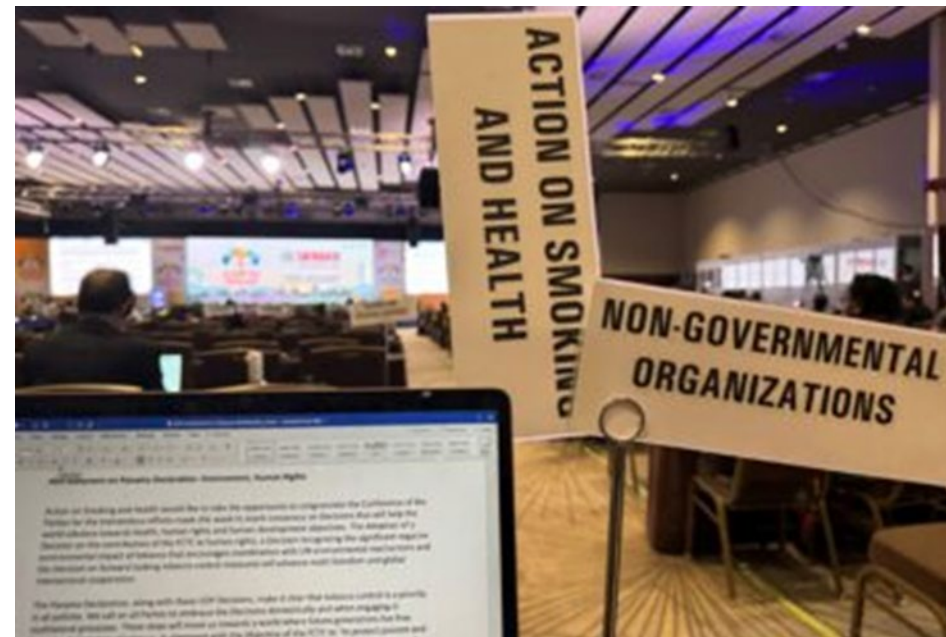
Article 5.2 – Adoption of measures



Towards this end, each Party shall, in accordance with its capabilities:

(b) adopt and implement effective legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures and cooperate, as appropriate, with other Parties in developing appropriate policies for preventing and reducing tobacco consumption, nicotine addiction and exposure to tobacco smoke.

Article 5.5 – International Cooperation



The Parties shall cooperate, as appropriate, with competent international and regional intergovernmental organizations and other bodies to achieve the objectives of the Convention and the protocols to which they are Parties.

Human Rights



FCTC
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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL
Tenth session (resumed)
Panama City, Panama, 5–10 February 2024

FCTC/COP10(20)
10 February 2024

DECISION

FCTC/COP10(20) Contribution of the WHO FCTC to the promotion and fulfillment of human rights

The Conference of the Parties,

Guided by the purpose and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, including Article 25, which declares that everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being;

Reaffirming the objective of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) to protect present and future generations from the devastating health, social, environmental and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke;

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in particular Article 12, which recognizes the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;

Recalling also the Preamble to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establishes that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition;

Recalling further the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which provides that States Parties to that Convention shall take appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care;

Mindful of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and in particular Articles 24 and 32 of the Convention, recognizing the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of



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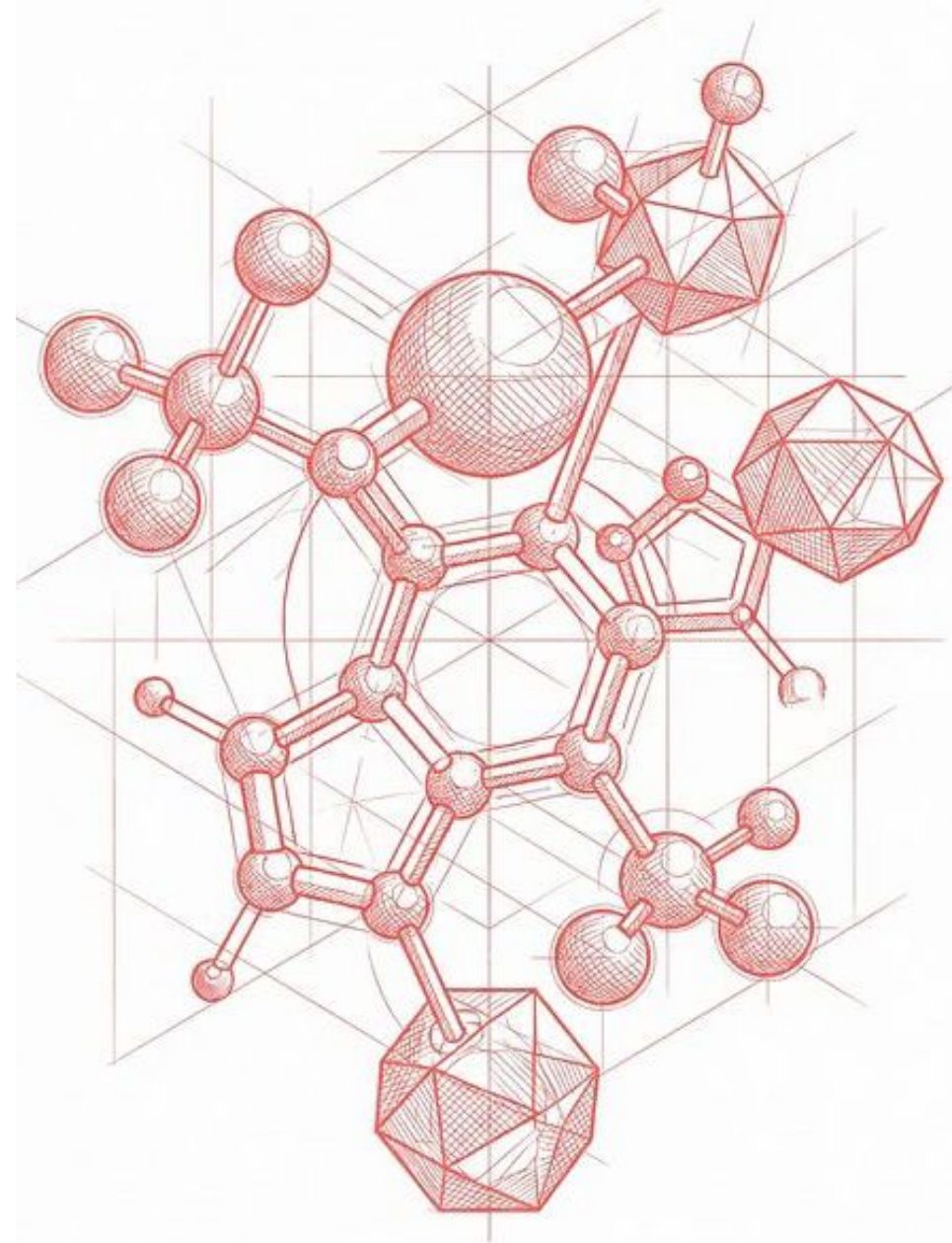


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Nicotine on the UN agenda

Part II: Country action

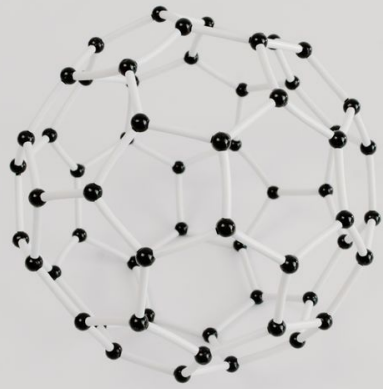
23 July, 2026





A landmark moment

June 10, 2026: The Republic of Palau formally notified the UN to initiate a scientific review of nicotine under international drug control



What this means

A formal UN process on nicotine is now live

with a defined timeline



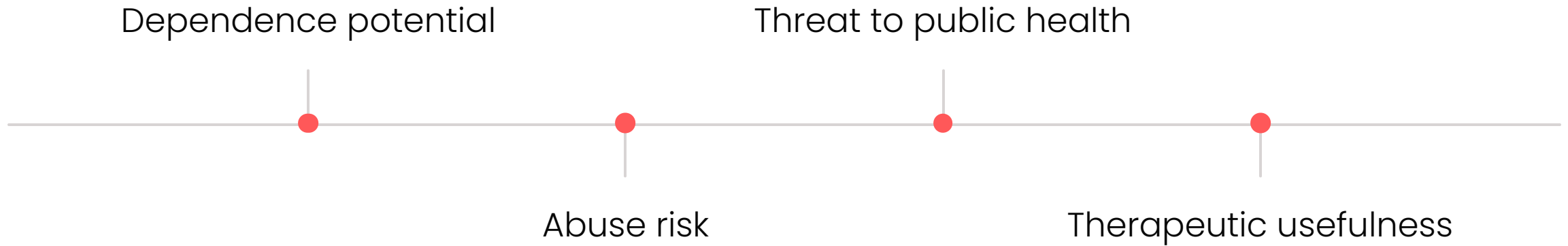


The WHO's Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (ECDD)

will evaluate scientific evidence on nicotine

Four Criteria for Nicotine to be Scheduled

via the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances





Recommendation

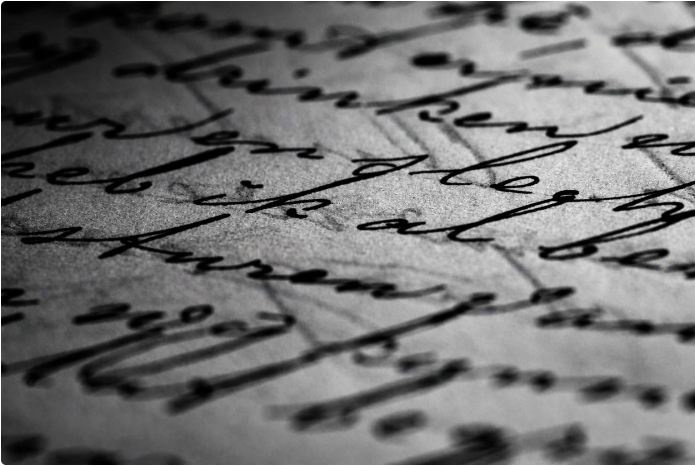
ECDD advises the UN to schedule for international control

Decision

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) votes



What could you do?



Notify the UN

Objective: a coordinated, evidence-based coalition.



Build the evidence record

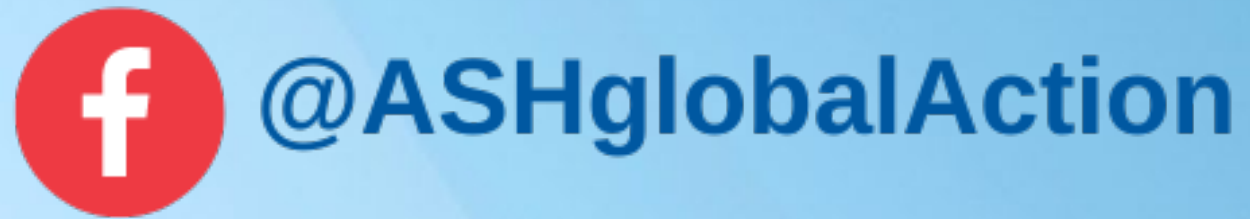
Prepare for the Member States questionnaire



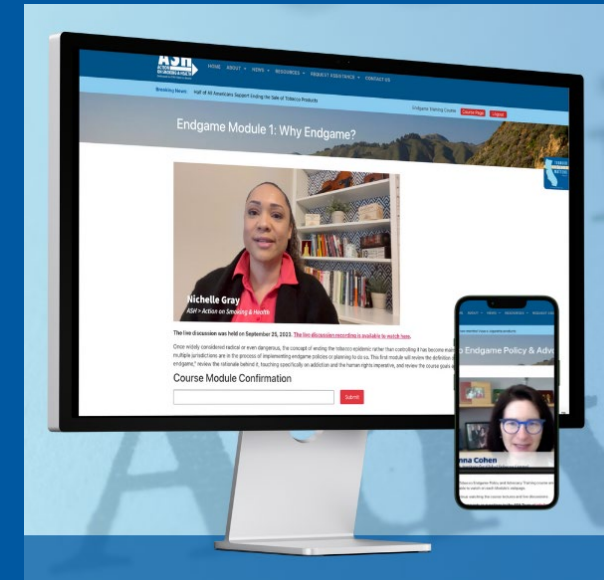
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