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### **RESOLUTION**

#### **CE142.R11**

### **WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE AMERICAS**

#### ***THE 142nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,***

Having studied the document presented by the Director, *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Opportunities and Challenges for its Implementation in the Americas* (Document CE142/23);

Recognizing that scientific evidence has unequivocally shown that tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke are causes of mortality, morbidity, and disability, and aware of the burden that this imposes on families and national health systems;

Profoundly concerned about the consumption of a highly addictive product like tobacco beginning at increasingly early ages, as well as the high prevalence of smoking among adolescents in the countries of the Region, and particularly concerned at the disproportionate increase in tobacco use among girls in some countries in Latin America;

Recognizing that there are successful initiatives in the Region for tobacco control;  
and

Bearing in mind that although significant progress has been made in some countries, it has not been uniform across the Region, and it is necessary for countries that

have yet to do so to consider taking steps to ratify the Convention and for States Parties to keep striving to incorporate the measures of the Convention into their national legislation,

***RESOLVES:***

To recommend that the Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:

***THE 48TH DIRECTING COUNCIL,***

Having studied the document presented by the Director, *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Opportunities and Challenges for its Implementation in the Americas* (Document CD48/\_\_);

Recognizing that scientific evidence has unequivocally shown that tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke are causes of mortality, morbidity, and disability, and aware of the burden that this imposes on families and national health systems;

Profoundly concerned about the consumption of a highly addictive product like tobacco beginning at increasingly early ages, as well as the high prevalence of smoking among adolescents in the countries of the Region, and particularly concerned at the disproportionate increase in tobacco use among girls in some countries in Latin America;

Recognizing that there are successful initiatives in the Region for tobacco control;  
and

Bearing in mind that although significant progress has been made in some countries, it has not been uniform across the Region, and it is necessary for countries that have yet to do so to consider taking steps to ratify the Convention and for States Parties to keep striving to incorporate the measures of the Convention into their national legislation,

***RESOLVES:***

1. To urge Member States to:
  - (a) Consider ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control if they have not yet done so and, regardless of their status as Parties or Non-parties to the Convention, to consider implementing, when appropriate, the WHO MPOWER package of six key measures contained therein;

- (b) Share successful experiences on tobacco control related to the ratification and States Parties' implementation of the measures in the Convention through existing bodies such as the Convention Secretariat;
- (c) Where appropriate, create or strengthen a national coordinating unit responsible for the intra- and interministerial coordination necessary to implement the Convention, as outlined in Article 5, General Obligations of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
- (d) Promote the subregional integration agencies to put tobacco control on their agenda and actively participate in the Ibero-American Network for Tobacco Control and existing English-speaking networks;
- (e) Take advantage of new financing opportunities from private donors to support tobacco control initiatives in the Region.

2. To request the Director to support the coordination of intersectoral partnerships and the call to international financial partners to support implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and, specifically, the WHO MPOWER package of six key measures, as appropriate, in all countries of the Region, regardless of their status as a Party or Non-party to the Convention.

*(Ninth meeting, 27 June 2008)*