



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

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DECISION

FCTC/COP5(17) Arrears in the payment of assessed contributions

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of the report by the Convention Secretariat (document FCTC/COP/5/21), including the fact that while arrears in payments have been reduced since the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties a substantial amount of voluntary assessed contributions is still outstanding;

Taking into account the fact that some Parties have not paid any voluntary assessed contributions;

Mindful of the need to change this situation so that necessary funding can be made available to implement the WHO FCTC and to maintain the spirit of solidarity,

DECIDES:

- (1) that the Convention Secretariat should provide Parties with efficient methods of payment of their contributions, including through the WHO country offices;
- (2) to mandate the Secretariat to ask Parties with arrears in payments to present the Secretariat with a proposal including time frame for settling such arrears;
- (3) to request the Secretariat to draw up a report on the feasibility of changing from voluntary assessed contributions to assessed contributions and other possible incentives for Parties that continue to have arrears in payments, and to present it to the sixth session of the Conference of Parties for its consideration.

(Fourth plenary meeting, 17 November 2012)