

# WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA/IV/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Transparency in Tobacco Control  
SUBMITTED TO: World Health Assembly  
SUBMITTED BY: Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Iceland

*World Health Assembly*

1 *Affirming* the sovereignty of nations, as stated in Article 2.1 of the Charter of the United  
2 Nations,

3 *Further Affirming* the right of each state to have an independent policy concerning tobacco  
4 control within their borders,

5 *Remembering* that tobacco companies and agencies thereof are not bound by state borders,

6 *Guided* by the findings of the study, *Curbing the Epidemic: Governments and the Economies of*  
7 *Tobacco Control*, conducted by the World Bank concluding that rising morbidity, health-related  
8 expenses and losses in productivity associated with increased tobacco use, particularly in developing  
9 countries, are in fact having a greater impact on the overall economic outlook of several countries,

10 *Deeply concerned* about the projection predicting that developing countries will account for 70%  
11 of all tobacco deaths worldwide by the year 2030,

12 *Considering* the severity of the effects of tobacco use and its contribution to millions of deaths  
13 worldwide,

14 *Noting with concern* the lack of global education regarding the negative effects of smoking,

15 *Bearing in mind* Article 3 of the Declaration of Human Rights, which states "Everyone has the  
16 right to life, liberty and security of person,"

17 *Recalling* the work of the World Health Assembly on the topic of tobacco, most specifically  
18 WHA 56.1,

19 *Deeply concerned* with the excessive amount of illegal trade of tobacco products,

20 *Alarmed* by the negative effects of illegal trade on the economies of all states,

- 21           1. *Encourages* each state, as willing, to work towards the education of every person on the  
22 detrimental effects of tobacco on one's health;
- 23           2. *Discourages* advertising and promotion of tobacco products targeting youth and adolescents;
- 24           3. *Recommends* the continuation of the United Nations Ad Hoc Interagency Task Force on  
25 Tobacco Control, hereafter referred to as the UN Ad Hoc Task Force, with the specific purpose of  
26 addressing both the socioeconomic and health issues concerning tobacco;
- 27           (a) *Requests* that the UN Ad Hoc Task Force work closely with existing agencies, such as  
28 INTERPOL, to address the problem of smuggling and illegal trade of tobacco and tobacco  
29 products;
- 30           (b) *Encourages* that the UN Ad Hoc Task Force research crop diversification and opportunities  
31 for countries with tobacco-based industries, at the request of the member-state;
- 32           (c) *Further encourages* the UN Ad Hoc Task Force to explore offering short-term agricultural  
33 grants expressly for the purpose of providing farm or growth implements, and/or seeding stocks  
34 specifically for non-tobacco farming.

Final Vote: 26 - 0 - 14