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DAY 3

Today at the FCA Bulletin - Day 3- Highlights

Today Zimbabwe was proposed as *'dirty ashtray'* for attaching to its principles. What we witness COP after COP is how Delegations are marginalised.

The FCA urges Parties to support the Canadian decision to suspend the Working Group for Articles 9&10 and replace it with an Expert Group to support implementation.

Switzerland tied to FCTC history and yet the country has not ratified the treaty. According to the FCA Swiss new draft on tobacco products has a goal of maintaining the smoking rates at the current level until 2060. Therefore the country is considered to be a hostage of the tobacco industry. Over a 100 organisations have signed a letter to the Swiss President calling on the country to ratify the FCTC and the illicit trade protocol. The smokefreeworld foundation is seen 'a smoke screen to divert attention'



The next COP 9, in 2020, may be heading to The Netherlands. Paraguay has reportedly submitted its application for COP 10, by 2022

Zambia commits to eliminate illicit tobacco trade

The Zambian Government has made an assurance to the 8th Session of the Conference of Parties for the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, in Geneva, that it will comply with the protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products as soon as possible.

<https://www.lusakatimes.com/2018/10/03/zambia-commits->

Cost of cigarettes must rise to reflect environmental damage from tobacco industry:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/cost-cigarettes-rise-tobacco-industry-smoking-environment-who-climate-change-pollution-a8564796.html>

Brazilian Delegates that traveled to Geneva are frustrated by the impossibility of accessing the debates and the attitude of their National delegation and intend to create a new commission with a parallel operation to the National Commission for the Implementation of the Framework Convention (Conicq), with which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have strong influence while entities linked to the (tobacco) sector are practically unheard.

Smokefreeworld Foundation about WHO FCTC: 'the sworn enemies of innovation'

FCA: *It's not coincidence that Philip Morris foundation has been established at the same time the company is looking ahead to establish long-term profits from products like IQOS*

Again the bulletin is used to raise funding: the FCA bulletins have been a perfect platform to raise funding and to air the Convention lack of resources which would ultimately affect the treaty implementation. On this occasion, the FCA raises the question of an additional budget (US\$800,000). An amount they consider not to be excessive.

Accountability for the environmental impact of tobacco growing: According to the recent studies published by the FCTC, one of the conclusions that will come out from this COP8 meeting is that tobacco environmental footprint and its implications is incompatible with the SDGs. The environmental impact *'is only just beginning to be fully appreciated'* Under the FCTC 2030 Project, a report was published on this regard, funded by the Australian government <http://www.who.int/fctc/publications/WHO-FCTC-Environment-Cigarette-smoking.pdf>

The report claims that among tobacco production practices:



- there is a substantial use of land;
- intensive use of pesticides;
- intensive use of coal and wood contributing to greenhouses gas emission and deforestation;
- waste during the transportation process;
- water and soil depletion;
- Human toxicity;
- climate change;
- 84 million tonnes of CO₂ emission