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Request for information on tobacco product regulation, smokeless tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)

The Head of the Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) presents his compliments to the Parties to the Convention and has the honour to refer to decision FCTC/COP5(10), Control and prevention of smokeless tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, and decision FCTC/COP5(6) concerning Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC, both adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its fifth session (12–17 November 2012, Seoul, Republic of Korea).

In this regard, the COP requested the Convention Secretariat, inter alia, to invite WHO to further examine emerging evidence, best practices, research needs and policy options in relation to smokeless tobacco products and ENDS as well as in some other areas related to novel tobacco products and tobacco product regulation, and to present a report on the outcome to the COP at its sixth session.

A questionnaire that covers the areas identified by the COP has been prepared by WHO and is submitted to the Parties for their attention. The questionnaire can be downloaded at the following WHO web site: http://www.who.int/tobacco/survey/en/index.html. It would be appreciated if Parties could respond to the questionnaire and send their replies by 15 November 2013 to the WHO Department of Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases by e-mail to whosurvey@who.int. This would facilitate the collection of information and preparation of the report as requested by the COP. For any queries, Parties' representatives may also contact Ms Gemma Vestal, technical officer (legal), by e-mail at vestalg@who.int or by telephone at +41 22 791 4705.

The Head of the Convention Secretariat avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Parties to the WHO FCTC the assurance of his highest consideration.

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