

COP10 News

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COP10 in the News

COP10 ends without consensus on novel products and with no host for COP11

The issue of novel products occupied a large part of the agenda and was divided between two groups of divergent opinions so that a consensus language could be reached. One group was in favour of data analysis by a working group and another by a group of experts. As there was no agreement, the topic was postponed to COP11. Traditionally, at the end of a COP, the conference board announces the country that will host the next event. However, this year there were no applications to host COP11.

<https://olajournal.com.br/cop10-encerra-no-panama-sem-consenso-sobre-novos-produtos-e-tema-fica-para-a-cop11-que-nao-tem-local-definido/>

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Conclusions

The WHO FCTC Secretariat made the following highlights:

- COP10 adopted a decision on **Article 18** (Protection of the environment and the health of persons), urging Parties to take account of the environmental impacts arising from the cultivation, manufacture, consumption of tobacco products, as well as the waste they create, and to strengthen implementation of this Article, including through national policies related to tobacco and protection of the environment. The decision also addresses the issue of cigarette filters.
- The decision on **Article 18** is linked with the ongoing intergovernmental negotiation committees working to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. (*For example, this decision could link to the UN Plastics Treaty negotiations planned for April in Canada.*)
- A decision to strengthen guidelines on cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and the depiction of tobacco in the entertainment media (**Article 13**).
- Two expert groups were established: one to work on forward-looking tobacco control measures under **Article 2.1** (Parties are encouraged to implement measures beyond those required by this Convention and its protocols), and another to focus on **Article 19** (Tobacco Industry Liability).
- A decision related to the promotion of human rights through the WHO FCTC, with the coordination needed with entities in the UN system, as well as strengthening the WHO FCTC Investment Fund.
- *The Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control 2019–2025* was extended for five more years, so that it fully aligns with the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.

“COP10 also adopted the **Panama Declaration**, which draws attention to the fundamental and irreconcilable conflict between the interests of the tobacco industry and the interests of public health. The Declaration also makes clear the need for policy coherence within governments to comply with the requirements of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.”

<https://fctc.who.int/who-fctc/governance/conference-of-the-parties/tenth-session-of-the-conference-of-the-parties>