Declarations 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health Mumbai, India; 8-12 March 2009

The 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (14th WCTOH) recognizes that:

All tobacco products are harmful and create an economic burden especially in low income countries.



The global tobacco control community needs to increase efforts to combat this epidemic.

The tobacco industry markets all forms of tobacco products and continues to develop new tobacco products.

The tobacco industry obstructs effective tobacco control measures and continues to promote tobacco products through all possible means, including the entertainment industry.

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) is an effective tool for tobacco control adopted by 86% of the countries in the world.

The Conference hereby recommends:

Recommendation 1

The World Health Organization maintains tobacco control as a first level priority.

Recommendation 2

By 2012, at least 90% of eligible countries will have become Parties to the FCTC.

Recommendation 3

By 2012, the FCTC Protocol on illicit trade in tobacco products will have been adopted, ratified and entered into force and at least one other protocol in negotiation.

Recommendation 4

By 2012, the parties to the FCTC will have adopted two additional Guidelines on implementation of:

Article 12: Education, communication, training and public awareness; and Article 14: Tobacco dependence and cessation.

Recommendation 5

By 2012, at least 80% of the countries will have complied with the minimum requirements under Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke), Article 11 (Packaging and labeling of tobacco products) and at least 50% should comply with the minimum requirements under Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship).

Recommendation 6

All parties to the FCTC will have paid their voluntary assessed contribution and at least 10% will provide extra budgetary contributions to the FCTC.

Recommendation 7

Non Governmental, Development and Philanthropic organizations will provide or maintain substantive contributions for tobacco control.

Recommendation 8

Governments, academia, and civil society must not accept funding or participate in the tobacco industry's youth, social responsibility, voluntary marketing, or other programmes.

Recommendation 9

By 2012, the majority of the parties to FCTC would have begun tobacco cessation efforts as recommended under Article 14 of the FCTC.

Recommendation 10

By 2012, 80% of the countries would have raised tobacco taxes to over 60% of the retail price.

Recommendation 11

By 2012, the United Nations would have convened a General Session of Discussion on human rights and tobacco control.