



WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION  
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## **Designation of a central authority in relation to Article 29 (mutual legal assistance) of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products**

The Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Protocol) presents its compliments to the Parties to the Protocol and has the honour to remind them of the need to comply with Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article 29 (mutual legal assistance) of the Protocol, which states that “Parties shall designate a central authority that shall have the responsibility and power to receive requests for mutual legal assistance and either to execute them or to transmit them to their respective competent authorities for execution”.

In this context, each Party shall notify the Head of the Secretariat at the time of accession, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or ratification of the Protocol of the central authority designated for this purpose. Thus far, the Secretariat has not received from any Party the information regarding the central authority. In this regard, Parties are requested to communicate the name, address and email of the relevant central authority to the Head of the Convention Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but no later than 31 March 2020.

Furthermore, the Secretariat calls upon Parties to the Protocol to familiarize themselves with all requirements of the Protocol related to such a central authority.

The Secretariat of the WHO FCTC and the Protocol avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Parties to the Protocol the assurances of its highest consideration.



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