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Postponement of the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC and the Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products

The Convention Secretariat, which serves as the secretariat of both the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Protocol), presents its compliments to the Parties to the WHO FCTC and to the Protocol.

At the direction of the Bureau elected by the Eighth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP8) to the WHO FCTC and the Bureau elected by the First of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP1) to the Protocol, the Convention Secretariat would like to communicate the recent decision jointly taken by the Bureaus.

In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic and its impact on the conduct of global conferences and travel, and bearing in mind decisions FCTC/COP8(24) and FCTC/MOP1(20) as well as Rule 4.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of the Meeting of the Parties, the Bureaus, after consulting the host country, have decided that convening the Ninth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) and the Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP2), scheduled for November 2020, is no longer possible.

As a result, the Bureaus elected by COP8 and MOP1, in consultation with the host country and the Convention Secretariat, decided during their Third Joint Meeting on 21 April 2020 to postpone the sessions of COP9 and MOP2 to the following dates:

COP9: 8–13 November 2021
MOP2: 15–17 November 2021.

The meetings will convene on those dates in The Hague, Netherlands.

The Convention Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Parties to the Convention and to the Protocol the assurance of its highest consideration.



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