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## **MEETING DOCUMENT**

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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Working Party on Public Health (Attachés)  
Working Party on Public Health (Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO))

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**Subject:** Meeting of the Working Party on Public Health  
- Flash from the Presidency

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Delegations will find attached the Presidency flash for the meeting of the Working Party on Public Health on 9 October 2025. The draft agenda is set out in CM 4293/25.



# **Invitation to Public Health Working Party on 9 October 2025**

The Danish Presidency is pleased to invite you to the next meeting of the Working Party on Public Health on 9 October 2025.

The meeting is a full-day event. Please find below a note outlining the objectives of the meeting and the agenda.

## Working Party on Public Health on 9 October 2025

### WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control – COP11

The EU position to be taken at COP11 will be coordinated in the Working Party on Public Health. At the meeting on 9 October 2025, the Commission will provide a comprehensive presentation on the substance of the draft positions, including choice of procedure. The presentation will be followed by a discussion. You will receive the draft positions before the meeting and as soon as possible.

First, we will discuss the draft positions in relation to the following agenda items and supporting documents (“Committee A documents”) with one commenting round per agenda item:

- 4.1. Forward-looking tobacco control measures (Article 2.1 of the FCTC): report by the Expert Group. Documents: *FCTC/COP/11/5* and *FCTC/COP/11/INF.DOC.1*
- 4.2. Liability (Art. 19 of the FCTC): report by the Expert group. *Document: FCTC/COP11/6*
- 4.3. Protection of the Environment (Art. 18 of the WHO FCTC): *Document: FCTC/COP11/7*
- 4.4. Regulation of contents and disclosure of tobacco products (Art. 9 and 10 of the FCTC): Reports by the Bureau and by WHO. *Documents: FCTC/COP/11/8 and FCTC/COP/11/9*
- 4.5. Implementation of measures to prevent and reduce tobacco consumption, nicotine addiction and exposure to tobacco smoke, and the protection of such measures from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in light of the tobacco industry’s narrative on “harm reduction” (Articles 5.2(b) and 5.3 of the FCTC) – proposed by Parties. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/10*

Second, we will discuss the draft positions in relation to the following agenda items and supporting documents (mostly “Committee B documents”) with one commenting round covering all agenda items:

- 1.1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work. *Documents: FCTC/COP/11/1 and FCTC/COP/11/1 (annotated)*
- 2. Applications for the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/3*
- 3. Global progress in implementation of the WHO FCTC. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/4*
- 5.1. Voluntary Implementation Peer Review and Support Mechanism. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/11*
- 6.1. Performance and progress reports. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/12*
- 6.2. Proposed Workplan and Budget for the financial period 2026-2027. *Documents: FCTC/COP/11/13 and FCTC/COP/11/INF.DOC./2*
- 6.3. Payment of Assessed Contributions and measures to reduce Parties in arrears. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/14*
- 6.4. Review of accreditation of nongovernmental organizations with the status of observer to the Conference of the Parties. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/15*
- 6.5. Strengthening synergies between the Conference of the Parties and the World Health Assembly: Report by the WHO Director-General on resolutions and decisions on the World Health Assembly. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/16*
- 7. Date and place of the Twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/17*
- 8. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference of the Parties. *Document: FCTC/COP/11/18*

Given the tight timeline, delegations are also invited to provide **written comments** to the draft positions until Wednesday 15 October at 12:00.

All documents, except document FCTC/COP/11/2 (Credentials of participants), are available at the official FCTC COP11 webpage: <https://storage.googleapis.com/who-fctc-cop11/Main%20documents/index.html>.

The COP is governed by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. Towards the end of the Working Party meeting, the Presidency will give information on the process of electing a new Bureau member representing the European Region as well as a regional coordinator. Delegations will be invited to share their reflections on this.

The Presidency will, in addition, give information on the possibility to serve as a chairperson for Committee A and Committee B meetings during COP11. Finally, the Presidency will give information on the Pre-COP, which will take place online on 14-15 October 2025.

### **Fun fact of the week**

Søren Le Schmith is a distinguished Danish designer known for his elegant and contemporary approach to fashion and textiles. His work for the Danish Queen has been particularly notable, where he combines craftsmanship with modern aesthetics to create garments that reflect both tradition and innovation, and he even designed the dress the Danish Queen was wearing at the crowning in January 2024. Beyond his royal commissions, Le Schmith has also collaborated closely with Denmark's health minister, designing functional yet stylish dresses and apparel.