

Statement
by the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the Eleventh
Session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework
Convention on Tobacco Control (COP11)
(Geneva, 17–22 November 2025)

Honourable Madame President, Distinguished Delegates,
I reaffirm Kazakhstan's steadfast commitment to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

At the national level, our efforts are aligned with the MPOWER package, the Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control (2019–2030), and NCD prevention actions.

We collaborate with the FCTC Secretariat and partners to share best practices, strengthen regulations, and tackle illicit trade, while advocating for universal health coverage.

Kazakhstan has one of the most **comprehensive tobacco control frameworks in the region**.

Key measures include a nationwide public smoking ban, graphic health warnings, substantial excise tax increases, and the 2020 Health Code, equating all novel tobacco/nicotine products to cigarettes. These enable strict control on product display, tobacco circulation, hookah in public venues, and a minimum purchase age of 21.

While Kazakhstan fully recognizes the **critical importance of supporting WHO initiatives** to protect public health and accelerate progress toward a tobacco-free future, we emphasize the importance of **an approach that integrates health objectives with broader national priorities**.

New recommendations should take into consideration **the need to ensure economic stability and well-being of all population segments, including vulnerable groups.**

Kazakhstan believes the Conference could explore these approaches through continued comprehensive dialogue. This would help integrate public health priorities with socioeconomic realities, ensuring FCTC implementation remains equitable and feasible for all Parties.

In conclusion, I would like to affirm our readiness to collaborate with the WHO and the Parties to the Convention to ensure health for all.

Thank you.