

# Key Areas and Findings on Inquiry into the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Conference of the Parties 9

## SUMMARY



### All-Party Parliamentary Group for Vaping has been established

The group has been set up to explore the most appropriate parliamentary and regulatory response to e-cigarettes and to raise education and literacy amongst policy makers regarding e-cigarettes and related public policy questions.



### The APPG launched an Inquiry into the FCTC's history, governance and approach to evidence-based decision-making

The Inquiry was prompted by the WHO encouraging and applauding bans on vaping.



### The WHO FCTC was developed in response to the globalization of the tobacco epidemic

It is supposed to be an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health.

With the Framework Convention of Tobacco Control (FCTC) Conference of the Parties 9 taking place in November 2021,

**the APPG report calls upon the U.K. government to challenge the World Health Organization's (WHO) opposition to vaping.**



# KEY INQUIRY FINDINGS



**WHOs stand on vaping products and reduced risk products may be due to risk aversion.**



**FCTC is no longer “fit for purpose,”**

meaning that the organization’s strategies and results do not meet its original objectives.



**WHO and FCTC COP Secretariat refuse to engage**

....with any individual, NGO or any organisation which do not support their principles and purpose.



**FCTC’s policy goals (and those of the WHO’s other tobacco control operations) are heavily influenced**

by private tobacco control organizations like the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and The Union, whose international lobbying and policy work is funded by Bloomberg.

# KEY INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS



FCTC and WHO should **base policy and views on scientific evidence.**



It is imperative for the WHO to **acknowledge “harm reduction”** as per the FCTC Treaty.



**Reduced risk products should be acknowledged** and accepted for their role in the tobacco control fight.



FCTC to **reflect positive public health** opportunity from low-risk nicotine products.



The FCTC should **outline a structure** which allows the **measures of risk of tobacco and nicotine products.**