

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.**