



According to World Health Organization (WHO) statistics, tobacco is the second major cause of death in the world. Like the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative, the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) recognizes the need for an immediate and active response to the tobacco epidemic to protect the health of all persons.

The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control emphasises the special contribution of non-governmental organizations, including health professional bodies, to tobacco control efforts nationally and internationally. In its capacity as a non-governmental organization in official relations with WHO, IPSF is committed to playing a major role in answering the call of the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative for the widest possible international co-operation to promote globally a tobacco-free culture for the health of present and future generations.

To that end, IPSF and the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative together urge all IPSF member associations to pursue the following tobacco control goals and principles:

1. Reducing the global burden of disease and death caused by tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke.
2. Actively advocating 100% smoke-free environments as the only effective measure proven to protect the health of all persons from the harmful effects of second-hand tobacco smoke and prevent hundreds of thousands of deaths each year from diseases caused by breathing second-hand tobacco smoke.
3. Supporting implementation of measures set out in the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, especially through promotion of the WHO Health Professionals Code of Practice on Tobacco Control, the IPSF Code of Practice on Tobacco Control and the IPSF Statement of Policy on Tobacco Free Initiative for Pharmaceutical Students' Associations.
4. Promoting World No Tobacco Day to an international audience in line with the annual theme and guidance of the Tobacco Free Initiative in order to express our support to WHO.
5. Facilitating global collaboration between pharmacy students, pharmacists and other healthcare students in the field of smoking cessation and implement and support campaigns for tobacco-free public places, in line with the objectives of the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative.
6. Through the IPSF Declaration of Commitment on Tobacco Control, quantifying the contribution of IPSF members in becoming role models for present and future generations as we work collaboratively with WHO to create a smoke-free world.

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