

REPORTING INSTRUMENT

1. Origin of the report [Help](#)

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2. Demographics [Help](#)

(a) Age and sex: [Help](#)

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Year (latest available)	Age groups	Percentage of <i>male</i> population	Percentage of <i>female</i> population	Percentage of <i>total</i> population
2005	0-14	51%	49%	16%
2005	15-24	51%	49%	14%
2005	25-34	51%	49%	14%
2005	35-44	49%	51%	14%
2005	45-54	47%	53%	14%
2005	55-64	43%	57%	11%
2005	65+	33%	67%	17%

(b) Ethnicity (optional): [Help](#)

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Name of ethnic group	Percentage of total population
Latvians	59.0%
Russians	28.5%
Others	12.5%

3. Tobacco use

i. Prevalence (ref. [Article 19.2\(a\)](#), [Article 20.2](#) and [Article 20.3\(a\)](#)) [Help](#)

(a) Smoking tobacco: [Help](#)

	Age groups ¹ (adults) 15-24	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ²			2004	39.70
Occasional smokers ²			2004	7.70
Females				
Daily smokers ²			2004	18.60
Occasional smokers ²			2004	15.30
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

	Age group (Adult) 25-34	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ³			2004	55.80
Occasional smokers ²			2004	7.20
Females				
Daily smokers ²			2004	26.40
Occasional smokers ²			2004	4.40
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

	Age group (Adult) 35-44	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ⁴			2004	60.90
Occasional smokers ²			2004	2.00

¹ Preferably by 10-year categories; e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

² Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

³ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

⁴ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

Females				
Daily smokers ²			2004	24.40
Occasional smokers ²			2004	6.60
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

	Age group (Adult) 45-54	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ⁵			2004	49.20
Occasional smokers ²			2004	6.30
Females				
Daily smokers ²			2004	17.50
Occasional smokers ²			2004	1.90
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

	Age group (Adult) 55-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ⁶			2004	33.10
Occasional smokers ²			2004	4.90
Females				
Daily smokers ²			2004	4.00
Occasional smokers ²			2004	1.30
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

⁵ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

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	Age group (Adult) 65+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Males				
Daily smokers ⁷				
Occasional smokers ²				
Females				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				
Total (males and females)				
Daily smokers ²				
Occasional smokers ²				

If available, please provide the average number of cigarettes smoked per day by the smoking population:

	Age groups ⁸ (adults) 15-24	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers⁹				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

	Age group (Adult) 25-34	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers¹⁰				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

⁷ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

⁸ Preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc.

⁹ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹⁰ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

	Age group (Adult) 35-44	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers¹¹				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

	Age group (Adult) 45-54	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers¹²				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

	Age group (Adult) 55-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers¹³				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

	Age group (Adult) 65+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
Male smokers¹⁴				
Female smokers²				
Total smokers²				

¹¹ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹² Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹³ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹⁴ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

(b) Smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco (optional): [Help](#)

	Age group 15-24	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 25-34	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 35-44	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 45-54	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 55-64	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

	Age group (Adult) 65+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Male				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				
Female				
Daily users				

Occasional users ²				
Total				
Daily users				
Occasional users ²				

(c) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for ethnic groups, please provide. [Help](#)

	Ethnic group Latvians	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Daily users				29.00
Occasional users ²				

	Ethnic group Russians	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Daily users				35.00
Occasional users ²				

	Ethnic group Others	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
Daily users				25.00
Occasional users ²				

(d) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for youth groups, please provide. [Help](#)

Create Youth Group

	Youth groups ¹⁵ 13-15	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence ¹⁶ (%)
Males	Definition- at least one tobacco use in the past 30 days	Any tobacco product	2002	41.40
Females		Any tobacco product	2002	33.00

ii. **Supply** [Help](#)

- (a) Licit supply of tobacco (ref. **Article 20.4(c)** and **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**) [Help](#)

	Domestic production	Exports	Imports
Year (latest available)	2006 (information source State Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance)	2006	2006
Quantity (specify product and unit; e.g. millions of cigarettes)	2776.093	1744.684	4278.024

Note: licit supply = domestic production + (imports - exports)

- (b) Please provide information regarding duty-free sales volumes, if available. [Help](#)

Cigarettes 36 539 thousand pieces (in year 2006)

Cigars and cigarillo 635 thousand pieces (in year 2006)

Smoking tobacco 335 kilograms (in year 2006)

- (c) Seizures of illicit tobacco (ref. **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5**) [Help](#)

¹⁵ Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

¹⁶ Parties should provide definition for youth smoking; e.g. at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

	Year (latest available)	Quantity seized (specify unit, e.g., millions of pieces)
Cigarettes	2006	670070 pieces
Other tobacco products (optional; please specify product) :		

- (d) Please provide information regarding illicit or smuggled tobacco (optional) (ref. **Article 15.4(a)** in accordance with **Article 15.5**). [Help](#)

No information

4. **Taxation** [Help](#)

- (a) Please provide your rates of taxation for tobacco products for all levels of government, and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax: excise, VAT or sales, import duties) (ref. **Article 6.3**). [Help](#)

1. Excise duty

- for cigars and cigarillas (per 1000 pieces) 11 LVL

- for cigarettes:

- from January 1, 2007 till June 30,2007

a) 8.4 LVL for 1000 cigarettes (specific rate)

b) 19.2 per cent of the maximum retail selling price

- from July 1, 2007 till December 31, 2007

a) 10 LVL for 1000 cigarettes

b) 25 per cent of the maximum retail selling price

- for fine-cut tobacco intended for the rolling of cigarettes 23 LVL for 1000 grams

- for other kind of tobacco intended for smoking 14 LVL for 1000 grams

For a cigarette the length of which exceeds 90 millimetres (not counting the filter or mouthpiece) is

different excise duty rate.

Value added tax (VAT) in amount of 18 per cent is adjusted to all tobacco products.

- (b) Please attach the relevant documentation (ref. **Article 6.3**). (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.) [Help](#)
- (c) Please provide retail prices for the three most popular brands of domestic and imported tobacco products in your jurisdiction, and the relevant year (ref. **Article 6.2(a)**). [Help](#)

In year 2006 most popular retail prices for cigarettes were 0.89 LVL and 0.65 LVL

5. Legislative, executive, administrative and other measures [Help](#)

i. Core questions [Help](#)

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

Please check yes or no. For affirmative answers, you are asked to attach a brief summary and the relevant documentation. (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.)

Article	Pursuant to Article 21.1(a) , have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation)	No	
Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco				
6.2(b)	Prohibiting or restricting sales to and/or importations by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke		Full/Partial/None		
8.2 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	in indoor workplaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- government buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- health care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- educational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- private workplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	in public transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
in indoor public places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	- bars and night clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you responded “Partial” to the measures outlined in Article 8.2, please provide specific details of the partial ban here:

According to the Section 11 of the Law on Restrictions regarding Sale, Advertising and Use of Tobacco Products it is prohibited to smoke:

1) in educational and correction institutions, except in institutions of higher education in which it is permitted to smoke in premises, which are specially designated for smoking;

2) in medical treatment institutions, social care and rehabilitation establishments, except for premises, which are specially designated for smoking. The internal procedure regulations of the relevant institutions and establishments may provide for the possibility of the patients of the institutions or the inmate of the establishments to smoke also outside of the premises, which are specially designated for smoking, taking into account the physical and mental condition of such patients or inmates;

3) closer than 10 metres from the entrance of buildings or structures (also on the outside steps and landings), where State or local government institutions and capital companies in which more than 50 per cent of the capital shares (stock) is owned by the State or local governments are located. In such places there shall be displayed informative notices or symbols regarding the prohibition to smoke;

4) in the shelters at public transport stops;

5) in the stairwells of multi-apartment residential buildings;

6) in places of work in work-spaces and areas of common use, with the exception of specially designated smoking areas;

7) in public buildings, structures and premises (cinemas, concert and sports halls, other sports buildings and structures, post offices and other institution halls, discotheques and dance halls, etc.), with the exception of separate premises, which are specially designated for smoking. This prohibition does not apply to existing apartments in public buildings;

8) in all kinds of public means of transport and taxis, with the exception of long-distance trains, ships and aircraft, where there shall be separate railway carriages, cabins or lounges which are designated for smokers; and

9) during sport and other public events in stadiums and other enclosed territories, with the exception of areas, which are specially designated for smoking.

(2) Smoking in cafes, restaurants and other public catering locations, casinos and gaming halls shall only be allowed in premises, which are specially designated for smoking, or premises, which are separated apart for smoking. It is permitted to smoke in summer (outside) cafes only in areas, which are specially designated for smoking.

(3) Hotels and other short-term residence dwellings may have specially designated bedrooms in which it is permitted to smoke.

(4) Local governments may prohibit or restrict smoking in parks, squares, bathing places and other public territories by issuing binding regulations.

(5) Prohibition to smoke shall be indicated by an informative sign in the official language, using the sign “smēķēt aizliegts” [smoking prohibited] (white letters on a red background), but permission to smoke by a similar informative sign, using the sign “atļauts smēķēt” [smoking permitted] (white letters on a green background), or by symbols which are used in international smoking control practice.

Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

10 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring manufacturers and/or importers of tobacco products to disclose to governmental authorities information about contents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Illicit trade in tobacco products			
15.2(a)	Requiring marking of packaging to assist in determining the origin of the product?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	and to assist in determining whether the product is legally for sale on the domestic market?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.3 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring that marking is in legible form and/or appear in its principal language or languages?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.4(b)	Enacting or strengthening legislation against illicit trade in tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.4(e)	Enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from the illicit trade?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.7	Licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sales to and by minors			
16.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify legal age: 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.2	Prohibiting or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products to the public and especially minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.3	Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16.6	Providing for penalties against sellers and distributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.7	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liability			
19.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Dealing with criminal and civil liability, including compensation where appropriate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions** [Help](#)

It should be noted that responses to these questions are not required at the time of Group 1 reports, but may be answered at this time if applicable.

Article	Have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes (please attach a brief summary and relevant documentation) ¹⁷	No
Regulation of the contents of tobacco products			
9	Testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹⁷ Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if available, and please specify sections of your legislation related to each “yes” response.

<input type="checkbox"/> Help	Regulating the contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Regulating the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging and labelling of tobacco products			
11.1(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Help	Requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)	Requiring that packaging and labelling also carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(i)	Ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(ii)	Ensuring that the health warnings are rotating?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(iii)	Ensuring that the health warnings are large, clear, visible and legible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(iv)	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.1(b)(v)	Ensuring that the health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.2	Requiring that packaging and labelling contains information on relevant constituents and emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.3	Requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit package, and on any outside packaging and labelling in your principal language or languages?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> Help			
13.2	Instituting a comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	including on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13.3	Applying restrictions, in the absence of a comprehensive ban, on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Restricting or instituting a comprehensive ban on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(a)	Prohibiting all forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship that promote a tobacco product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(b)	Requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising and promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(c)	Restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(d)	Requiring the disclosure to relevant governmental authorities of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?		
13.4(e)	Restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on radio, television, print media and other media, such as the Internet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.4(f)	Prohibiting or restricting tobacco sponsorship of international events, activities and/or participants therein?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any additional legislation or other measures not covered in Question 5, you may provide additional details here: [Help](#)

According to the Section 9 of the Law on Restrictions regarding Sale, Advertising and Use of Tobacco Products (Restrictions on Tobacco Product Advertising and Sponsoring)

(1) It is prohibited to advertise tobacco products and the use thereof:

- 1) in cultural and sporting events, except in cases where the merchants who are engaged in the manufacture or distribution of tobacco products are the general sponsors of such events;**
- 2) in cinemas and video halls;**
- 3) on the packaging of such goods and products to be sold in the State which do not directly relate to tobacco;**
- 4) on the consignments of Latvia Post;**
- 5) in correction and educational institutions;**
- 6) in medical treatment institutions, social care and rehabilitation establishments;**
- 7) in the press and other printed publications, except publications, which are intended for merchants, which are engaged in trade in tobacco products, as well as in publications, which are issued and printed in states, which are not Member States of the European Union, and which are not intended for the European Union market;**
- 8) in providing information regarding public services; and**
- 9) on buildings and structures (advertising posts, fences, on the sides of motor roads and railways, in airports, ports, railway stations, in the interiors of means of transport and public means of transport, etc.), with the exception of trading-places.**

(2) It is prohibited to:

- 1) manufacture and trade sweets and snacks, as well as toys and other articles in the form of tobacco products, which may attract the attention of minors;**
- 2) depict in tobacco product advertising and any other advertising persons smoking;**
- 3) distribute tobacco products for advertising purposes free of charge; and**
- 4) in tobacco product advertisements, utilise misleading, misinforming, false means or other**

methods, which may create an erroneous representation regarding the characteristics of tobacco, the effect on health thereof, the risks associated with the use of tobacco products or the substances which separate when using tobacco products.

(3) Merchants whose basic activity is the manufacture of or trade in tobacco products are prohibited to sponsor:

1) radio and television broadcasts and programmes; and

2) events or activities in which are involved several Member States of the European Union or which take place in several Member States of the European Union, or which have a cross-border impact.

(4) The provisions of the Law on Radio and Television shall also be complied with when advertising tobacco products in the electronic mass media.

6. Programmes and plans [Help](#)

i. Core questions [Help](#)

It should be noted that the measures identified below are not exhaustive, but reflect the spirit and intent of the Convention.

	Yes (please attach the relevant documentation) ¹⁸	No
Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 5.1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, have some partial strategies, plans and programmes been developed and implemented? (Article 5.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you responded yes to either of the first two questions, which of the following do these strategies, plans and programmes cover? Please check, and provide a brief summary. (Please provide the summary in one of the six official languages.)

¹⁸ Please provide these documents in one of the six official languages, if possible.

General obligations <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
5.2(a)	A national coordinating mechanism or focal point(s) for tobacco control? YES Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia Department of Public Health Division of Addiction Surveillance; Health Promotion State Agency, Public Health Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.3	Protection of policies from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry? YES Decisions in tobacco control are based on discussion and opinion of health experts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education, communication, training and public awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
12(a)	Broad access to effective and comprehensive educational and public awareness programmes on the health risks? YES Health Promotion State Agency and Public Health Agency provides wide range of information for different target groups- children, pregnant women, adults.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at adults and/or the general public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	... targeted at children and youth?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(b)	Public awareness about the health risks of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, and about the benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles? YES Health Promotion State Agency and Public Health Agency and also Ministry of Health provides information about harmful effects of tobacco smoke on health.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(c)	Public access to a wide range of information on the tobacco industry? NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
12(e)	Awareness and participation of public and private agencies and nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry in developing and implementing intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control? YES In implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies are involved non governmental organizations Doctors for healthy life and against tobacco and also Coalition against smoking.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
14.1	Comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices to promote cessation of tobacco use and adequate treatment for tobacco dependence? YES There is brochure in latvian and rusian about smoking cessation issued by Health Promotion State Agency.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(d)	Facilitation of accessibility and affordability for treatment of tobacco dependence including pharmaceutical products? YES Ministry of Health ensures treatment possibilities for persons willing to treat.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
17	Promotion of economically viable alternatives for tobacco workers, growers and, as the case may be, individual sellers? NO Tobacco growing and production of tobacco products is not widely developed in Latvia.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Research, surveillance and exchange of information <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
20.1(a)	<p>Research that addresses the determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke as well as research for identification of alternative crops?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Survey about Health behaviour among Latvian Adult Population in year 2004 and 2006, Health behaviour among school children and annual statistical reports.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4(b)	<p>Updated data from national surveillance programmes? YES</p> <p>Yearbook about alcoholism, drug use and smoking prevalence and consequences in Latvia.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ii. **Optional questions** [Help](#)

Education, communication, training and public awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
12(d)	<p>Appropriate training or awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to persons such as health, community and social workers, media professionals, educators, decision-makers, administrators and other concerned persons? YES</p> <p>Training and awareness raising activities are planned within the Tobacco Surveillance Program. Activities has been started in year 2006 and will be continued.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12(f)	<p>Public awareness of and access to information regarding the adverse health, economic, and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption? YES</p> <p>Information about impact of tobacco use on health is available in web pages of Health Promotion State Agency and Public Health Agency and also in web page of non- governmental organization.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation <input type="checkbox"/> Help		
14.2(a)	<p>Design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as educational institutions, health care facilities, workplaces and sporting environments? YES</p> <p>There is "Non- smoking class" competition for school children and also campaign "Quit and Win" for adults.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(b)	<p>Diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services on cessation of tobacco use in national health and education programmes, plans and strategies, with the participation of health workers, community workers and social workers?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Issues regarding treatment of tobacco dependence are included in Tobacco surveillance program and other programmes and plans.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.2(c)	<p>Establishment in health care facilities and rehabilitation centres of programmes for diagnosing, counselling, preventing and treating tobacco dependence?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>YES</p> <p>There is treatment options in regional hospitals intended for treatment of dependence.</p>	
<p>Protection of the environment and the health of persons <input type="checkbox"/> Help</p>		
18	<p>Due regard to the protection of the environment and the health of persons in relation to the environment in respect of tobacco cultivation and manufacture within its territory?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Research, surveillance and exchange of information <input type="checkbox"/> Help</p>		
20.1(b)	<p>Training and support for all those engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>There are many local and international seminars and conferences.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.2	<p>Programmes for national, regional and global surveillance of the magnitude, patterns, determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Activity for national surveillance is planned within the Tobacco surveillance program</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.3(a)	<p>A national system for epidemiological surveillance of tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Data about tobacco consumption and related social, economic and health indicators are analyzed in the surveys, besides development of surveillance system is planned within the Tobacco surveillance program.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4	<p>The exchange of publicly available scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information, as well as information regarding practices of the tobacco industry and the cultivation of tobacco?</p> <p>YES</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.4(a)	<p>An updated database of laws and regulations on tobacco control, and information about their enforcement, as well as pertinent jurisprudence?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Laws and regulations regarding tobacco control are available in Ministry of Health web page and also database of laws and regulations.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Technical and financial assistance [Help](#)

The goal of this section is to assist the Secretariat in facilitating the coordination of available skills and resources with identified needs.

Pursuant to **Article 21.1(c)**, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and

development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

	Assistance provided (please give details below)	Assistance received (please give details below)
Development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control? (Article 22.1(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 22.1(b))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12? (Article 22.1(c))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistical support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? (Article 22.1(d))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(e))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? (Article 22.1(f))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Other. Specify:		
<p>Additional details:</p> <p>If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.</p> <p>If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p> <p>Biennial Collaborative Agreement between Ministry of Health of Republic of Latvia and the Regional Office for Europe of the WHO includes assistance of WHO experts in making tobacco control policy.</p>		

Pursuant to **Article 21.3**, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance to support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in meeting reporting obligations?

Assistance provided <input type="checkbox"/> Help	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)	Assistance received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (please give details below)
<p>Additional details:</p> <p>If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration.</p> <p>If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p>			

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed, for the financial and technical assistance provided or received? [Help](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please give details below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Additional details:	

8. Priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control [Help](#)

What are the priority areas for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction? (Ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

1. To ensure healthy smoke- free environment; 2. To reduce tobacco use among young people; 3. To rise awareness in general public about harmful effects of tobacco use.

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers you have encountered in implementing the Convention? (ref. **Article 21.1(b)**)

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9. Additional comments [Help](#)

Please provide any relevant information not covered elsewhere that you feel is important.

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10. Questionnaire feedback

(a) Please provide feedback for improvement of the Group 1 questionnaire. [Help](#)

(b) Please provide input for the future development of the Group 2 questionnaire.

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