

## REPORTING INSTRUMENT

### .1. Origin of the report

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## 2. Demographics

(a) Age and sex:

Year (latest)	Age Group	Percentage of <i>male</i> population	Percentage of <i>female</i> population	Percentage of <i>total</i> population
2002	15 – 24	27.15	18.68	19.29
2002	15 +	73.56	77.37	75.56

Source: Calculation from the data of National Health Survey 2001 - 2002

## 3. Tobacco use

### i. Prevalence (ref. Article 19.2(a), Article 20.2 and Article 20.3(a))

(a) Smoking tobacco:

	Age groups <sup>1</sup> (adults) 15+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence (%)
<b>Males</b>				
Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>		cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2002	56.1
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Females</b>				
Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>		cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2002	1.8
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Total (males and females)</b>				
Daily smokers <sup>2</sup>		cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2002	26.98
Occasional smokers <sup>2</sup>				

Calculation from the data of National Health Survey 2001 – 2002

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

	Age groups <sup>3</sup> (adults) 15+	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Average number of cigarettes smoked per day
<b>Male smokers<sup>4</sup></b>		cigarette	2002	12.5
<b>Female smokers<sup>2</sup></b>		cigarette	2002	8.1
<b>Total smokers<sup>2</sup></b>		cigarette	2002	12.3

<sup>1</sup> Preferably by 10-year categories; e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc. <sup>2</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties. <sup>3</sup> Preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44, etc. <sup>4</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

(b) If prevalence data is appropriate and available for youth groups, please provide.

	Youth groups <sup>1</sup>	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence <sup>2</sup> (%)
Males	13-15	cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2003	10.24
Females	13-15	cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2003	1.86

Source: Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2003

	Youth groups <sup>1</sup>	Tobacco products included	Year of data (latest available)	Prevalence <sup>2</sup> (%)
Males	15-24	cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2002	31.6
Females	15-24	cigarette, water pipe and roll- your- own	2002	0.3

Source National Health Survey 2001 - 2002

<sup>1</sup> Definitions to be provided by the Parties.

<sup>2</sup> Parties should provide definition for youth smoking; e.g. at least one cigarette in the past 30 days.

## ii. Supply

(a) Licit supply of tobacco (ref. **Article 20.4(c)** and **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5)**

	Domestic production	Exports	Imports
Year (latest available)	2005	2005	2005

Quantity (millions of cigarettes)	89,940	9,010	0
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Source: *The Annual Report of Vietnam Tobacco Association - 2005*

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

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

Not available

(c) Seizures of illicit tobacco (ref. **Article 15.4(a)**) in accordance with **Article 15.5)**

	Cigarettes	Other tobacco products (optional; please specify product)
Year (latest available)	2005	2005
Quantity seized (millions of cigarettes)	66	Not available

Source: *The Annual Report of Department of Market Management, Ministry of Trade.*

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

Not available

#### 4. Taxation

(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).**

##### 1. The excise tax

Tax rate: Cigar – 65%  
Cigarette: Year 2006 – 2007: 55%  
From year 2008 : 65%

Tax base:

For domestic product: tax base is factory price without value added tax and excise tax

For import product: tax base is import price plus import tax

##### 2. Value added tax

Tax rate: 10%

Tax base:

For domestic product: tax base is factory price plus excise tax

For import product: tax base is import price plus import tax plus excise tax

##### 3. Enterprise income tax:

Tax rate: 28%

Tax base: income before tax

##### 4. Import tax for cigarettes

Tax rate:	150%
Tax base:	The import price

(b) Please attach the relevant documentation (ref. Article 6.3). (Please provide documentation in one of the six official languages, if available.)

Please see the Appendix 1 – brief description of the relevant documentations

(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)**)

Kind of Tobacco Product	Brand	Year	Price (VND/stick)
Cigarette	Vinataba	2006	450
Cigarette	Marlboro	2006	750
Cigarette	Du Lich	2006	125

*The average exchange rate as of December 2006: 1USD=16,000 VND*

## 5. Legislative, executive, administrative and other measures

(For the brief summary of relevant documentation, please see the appendix 2)

### i. Core questions

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 <b>Article 21.1(a)</b> , have you adopted and implemented legislative, executive, administrative and/or other measures on:	Yes	No	Note (where to find the reference documents)
<b>Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco</b>				
<b>6.2(b)</b>	Prohibiting or restricting sales to and/or importations by international travelers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	x		Appendix 2: item 1
<b>Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke</b>		<b>Full</b>	<b>Partial</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>8.2</b>	in indoor workplaces?		x	Appendix 2: item 2.1
	- government buildings	x		Appendix 2: item 2.2
	- health care facilities	x		Appendix 2: item 2.3
	- educational facilities	x		Appendix 2: item 2.4

- private workplaces			X	
- other			X	
in public transport?	X			Appendix 2: item 2.5
in indoor public places?		X		
- cultural facilities	X			Appendix 2: item 2.6
- bars and night clubs			X	
- restaurants			X	
- other			X	

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

*The ban does not include all kinds of indoor work and public places.*

**Regulation of tobacco product disclosures**

<b>10</b>	Requiring manufacturers and/or importers of tobacco products to disclose to governmental authorities information about contents?	X		Appendix 2: item 3
<b>Illicit trade in tobacco products</b>				
<b>15.2(a)</b>	Requiring marking of packaging to assist in determining the origin of the product?	X		Appendix 2: item 4
	and to assist in determining whether the product is legally for sale on the domestic market?	X		Appendix 2: item 4
<b>15.3</b>	Requiring that marking is in legible form and/or appear in its principal language or languages?	X		Appendix 2: item 5
<b>15.4(b)</b>	Enacting or strengthening legislation against illicit trade in tobacco products?	X		Appendix 2: item 6
<b>15.4(e)</b>	Enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from the illicit trade?		X	
<b>15.7</b>	Licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution?	X		Appendix 2: item 7
<b>Sales to and by minors</b>				
<b>16.1</b>	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?	Specify legal age: 18		Appendix 2: item 8
<b>16.2</b>	Prohibiting or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products to the public and especially minors?	X		Appendix 2: item 9
<b>16.3</b>	Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?		X	
<b>16.6</b>	Providing for penalties against sellers and distributors?	X		Appendix

				2: item 10
<b>16.7</b>	Prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?		X	
<b>Liability</b>				
<b>19.1</b>	Dealing with criminal and civil liability, including compensation where appropriate?		X	Appendix 2: item 11

## ii. Optional questions

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.

<b>Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship</b>				
<b>13.2</b>	Instituting a comprehensive ban of all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	X		Appendix 2, item 14.1
	including on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?		X	
<b>13.3</b>	Applying restrictions, in the absence of a comprehensive ban, on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?			
	Restricting or instituting a comprehensive ban on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from its territory?		X	
<b>13.4(a)</b>	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?			Not applicable (because Viet Nam has a complete advertising ban)
<b>13.4(b)</b>	Requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising and promotion and sponsorship?			Not applicable
<b>13.4(c)</b>	Restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	X		Appendix 2: item 14.2
<b>13.4(d)</b>	Requiring the disclosure to relevant governmental authorities of expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?			Not applicable
<b>13.4(e)</b>	Restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on radio, television, print media and other media, such as the Internet?			Not applicable
<b>13.4(f)</b>	Prohibiting or restricting tobacco sponsorship of international events, activities and/or participants therein?	X		

If you have any additional legislation or other measures not covered in Question 5, you may provide additional details here:

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## 6. Programmes and plans

(For the relevant documentation, see the Appendix 3)

### i. Core questions

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

	Yes	No	Note
Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? <b>(Article 5.1)</b>	x		Appendix 3
If no, have some partial strategies, plans and programmes been developed and implemented? <b>(Article 5.1)</b>			

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.)

<b>General obligations</b>		
<b>5.2(a)</b>	A national coordinating mechanism or focal point(s) for tobacco control?  <i>The Vietnam Committee of Smoking Health (VINACOSH), chaired by Minister of Health, is the national body to coordinate tobacco control in Vietnam.</i>	x
<b>5.3</b>	Protection of policies from the commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?	
<b>Education, communication, training and public awareness</b>		
<b>12(a)</b>	Broad access to effective and comprehensive educational and public awareness programmes on the health risks?  <i>Various education/communication activities including meetings and marchings are carried out on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day (May 31) every year</i>	x
	... targeted at adults and/or the general public?  <i>Most of communication activities is targeted at adults and the general public</i>	x
	... targeted at children and youth?  <i>VietNam also had infrequent education/coomunication activities targeted at children, and youth.. Vietnam has issued regulations and developed training</i>	x

	<i>materials on integrating tobacco education into school curriculum and organize some tobacco control activities in the school system.</i>	
<b>12(b)</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?  <i>Various education communication activities are organized to celebrate the annual National No-Tobacco- Week from May 25-31, with the focus on communicating the harms of tobacco use.</i>	X
<b>12(c)</b>	Public access to a wide range of information on the tobacco industry?	
<b>12(e)</b>	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?  <i>Beside the government organization the Non Government Organizations in VietNam also participate in developing and implementing intersectoral tobacco control programme and strategies.</i>	X

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

<b>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</b>		
<b>14.1</b>	Comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices to promote cessation of tobacco use and adequate treatment for tobacco dependence?	
<b>14.2(d)</b>	Facilitation of accessibility and affordability for treatment of tobacco dependence including pharmaceutical products?	
<b>Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities</b>		
<b>17</b>	Promotion of economically viable alternatives for tobacco workers, growers and, as the case may be, individual sellers?	
<b>Research, surveillance and exchange of information</b>		
<b>20.1(a)</b>	Research that addresses the determinants and consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke as well as research for identification of alternative crops?	X
<b>20.4(b)</b>	Updated data from national surveillance programmes?  <i>VietNam has conducted some surveys that provide information on tobacco use such as: national health surveys, living standard surveys, global youth tobacco surveys (but these surveys have not been done regularly)</i>	X

## 7. Technical and financial assistance

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? ( <b>Article 22.1(a)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? ( <b>Article 22.1(b)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input 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? ( <b>Article 22.1(c)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistical support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes? ( <b>Article 22.1(d)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction? ( <b>Article 22.1(e)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input 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? ( <b>Article 22.1(f)</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Additional details: If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration. If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) under the Vietnam – Sweden Cooperation Program has mainly supported finance and technique to Vietnam Tobacco Control Program in recent years.</li> <li>World Health Organization (WHO) has supported technique for building and implementing tobacco control policies and programs, including implementing the Convention on Tobacco Control.</li> <li>Rockefeller Organization has supported finance and technique to improve the staff capacity in tobacco control and some community-based secondhand smoking prevention projects.</li> <li>Atlantic Philanthropies Fund has supported finance for tobacco control in Vietnam.</li> <li>Johns Hopkins University (JHU) has supported technique for Vinacosh.</li> <li>Southeast Asian Tobacco Control Alliance has supported to improve capacity for staff in tobacco control; supported doing some research of tobacco in Vietnam.</li> </ol>		

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

Additional details: If you answered no to any of the above, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration. If you answered yes to any of the above, please identify the country or countries from/to which assistance was received/provided.

1. Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation (USA) has provided some financial support
2. World Health Organization (WHO) and Johns Hopkins University (JHU): provide technical supports.

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed, for the financial and technical assistance provided or received?

Yes (please give details below)

No

Additional details: *Viet Nam is lacking financial resources to implement nationwide tobacco control activities, especially in implementing communication campaigns and providing cessation treatment and counselling.*

## **8. Priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**

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 have the National Assembly approve a strong Tobacco Control Law.
2. Implementation of the smoke-free environment.
3. Establish a sustainable funding mechanism for implementing tobacco control programmes
4. Strengthening control of illicit and fake tobacco products.
5. Strengthening the communications education campaign for tobacco control
6. Providing cessation service to the public

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

1. Funds for implementing Tobacco control programmes are limited and unstable
2. The shortage of human resource and capacity for implementing comprehensive tobacco control activities and programme at different levels (central, provincial and lower level): most of people working on tobacco control are on part-time basis.

## **9. Additional comments**

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

## 10. Questionnaire feedback

- .(a) Please provide feedback for improvement of the Group 1 questionnaire.
- .(b) Please provide input for the future development of the Group 2 questionnaire.