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At the CPME Board Meeting in Prague on 14 March 2009, CPME adopted the following document "**Legal Control of Tobacco Products**" (CPME 2009/016 final EN/Fr)" (referring to CPME 2009/016 EN/Fr)

Legal Control of Tobacco Products CPME Position

The toll of disease and death caused by the use of tobacco products as recommended by their manufacturers is immeasurably greater than that attributed to the abuse of any drug which is universally classified as "dangerous" and subject to criminal sanctions. Yet the tobacco industry remains free to claim in its promotion that manufactured tobacco is a legal product. Legitimacy is its mantra.

The international Treaty, the Framework Convention on Tobacco control (FCTC) has limited reach and the industry continues to prosper with aggressive marketing, notably recruiting millions of new smokers in both developed and developing countries. There is particular concern about the recruitment of young people to smoking.

This meeting of the CPME calls for the tobacco manufacturing industry to be given ten years' notice of the Committee's intention to press for tobacco products to be classified as dangerous drugs and controlled accordingly, in order to give the industry ample opportunity to diversify its activities.

Smokers and users of other manufactured tobacco products should not be incriminated.