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MEETING REPORT

- 1. Subject** Update on the revision of the Tobacco Taxation Directive
- 2. Date and Place** 7 February 2023, DG TAXUD
- 3. Participants** DG TAXUD (4 participants)
Smoke Free Partnership (3 participants)

4. Summary of the discussion

The Director of the Smoke Free Partnership (SFP) introduced the organization, its goals, and its ongoing work in tobacco control policy.

DG TAXUD informed SFP that the revision of the Tobacco Taxation Directive is postponed without specific timeline for the moment.

The Director of SFP emphasized the decisive role of ministries of finance in tobacco taxation and noted that civil society is generally supportive of tax increases on tobacco.

SFP expressed concern that the revision of tobacco taxation rules is postponed in view of the goals of Europe's Bearing Cancer Plan and reiterated the pivotal role of taxation in reducing tobacco consumption.

SFP enquired about the state of play of the initiative to review the rules for cross-border acquisitions of tobacco products by private individuals. DG TAXUD clarified that this initiative is on hold for the moment due to the need to address at the same time rules for tobacco and alcohol purchases.