

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

REPUBLIC OF TOGO

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Concerning the composition, attributions and functioning of the National Committee
for Tobacco Control (CNLT – *Comité National de Lutte Contre le Tabac*)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

In consultation with the Minister of Health;

In light of the Constitution of October 14, 1992;

In light of Law n° 2009-007 of May 15, 2009, concerning the code of public health of the Republic of Togo;

In light of Law n° 2010-017 of December 31, 2010, concerning the production, commercialization, and consumption of cigarettes and other tobacco products;

In light of Law n° 2010-035/PR of May 7, 2010, concerning the nomination of the Prime Minister;

In light of Law n° 2010-036/PR of May 28, 2010, concerning the composition of the government, together with the texts modifying it;

In light of Decree n° 2012-004 /PR of February 29, 2012, concerning the attributions of the Ministers of State and Ministers;

In light of Decree n° 2012-006 /PR of March 7, 2012, concerning the organization of ministerial departments;

The Council of Ministers having been duly notified, hereby

DECREES:

CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Pursuant to Article 32 of Law n° 2010-017 of December 31, 2010, a national structure for the guidance and coordination of activities for tobacco control entitled the "National Committee for Tobacco Control" (CNLT - *Comité National de Lutte contre le Tabac*) is hereby created and placed under the supervision of the Minister of Health.

Article 2: The CNLT is a structure encompassing multiple sectors and various disciplines.

It ensures the oversight and implementation of bilateral or multilateral cooperation agreements signed by Togo concerning tobacco control.

CHAPTER II – RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Responsibilities

Article 3: The CNLT proposes major strategic approaches, organizing and coordinating tobacco control activities in Togo.

In this connection, it is responsible for the following things:

- Implementing the national tobacco control policy;
- Proposing or issuing opinions on national strategic approaches to tobacco control;
- Strengthening activities for information, education and communication to change behavior in connection with the harmful effects associated with tobacco consumption, and the advantages of quitting tobacco;
- Drawing up and implementing programs for training and applied research, as well as for medical-social care;
- Providing support and protection for individuals and institutions engaged in tobacco control;
- Mobilizing the funding necessary for its operation.

Section 2: Composition

Article 4: The CNLT is composed as follows:

- A representative of the Ministry of Health, **President;**
- A representative of the Ministry of Communication, **1st Rapporteur;**
- A representative of the Ministries of Commerce, **2nd Rapporteur;**
- A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, **member;**
- A representative of the Ministry Territorial Administration and Decentralization, **member;**
- A representative of the universities of Togo, **member;**

- A representative of the Ministry of Tourism, **member**;
- A representative of World Health Organization (WHO), **member**;
- A representative of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) working for tobacco control, **member**.

Article 5: The nine (9) members of the CNLT are designated by their respective institutions and structures, then appointed by administrative order of the Minister of Health for a term of three (3) years that can be renewed once.

Article 6: No member of the CNLT should have an association or direct or indirect interest with the tobacco industry, or with any other person or entity that manufactures, imports, supplies or distributes tobacco and its derivative products.

Prior to assuming their duties, all members of the CNLT must sign a declaration of no conflict of interest with the tobacco industry and all those who defend its interests.

Article 7: The CNLT may call upon any natural or juridical person whose expertise is deemed necessary to address a given domain within its responsibilities.

Section 3: Functioning

Article 8: The CNLT holds ordinary meetings twice (2 times) per year to be convened by its president.

However, it may hold an extraordinary session whenever the need may arise, to be convened by its president based on a well-defined agenda.

Article 9: In the event that the CNLT is led to consult the tobacco industry or persons who defend its interests, such consultation is to be undertaken in a transparent and public manner.

All interactions, communications and contacts resulting from such consultation are to be recorded, with minutes of the encounter and a final report made public.

Article 10: The CNLT drafts its own internal regulations.

Article 11: The national program for tobacco control is overseen by the administrative and technical office of the CNLT. It is the executive body thereof.

An administrative order by the Minister of Health is to set the modalities of operation for the aforesaid program.

CHAPTER III – MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 12: The means for the operation of the CNLT are to be provided by the budget of the State and the contributions of its technical and financial partners.

Article 13: The Minister of Health is charged with executing this decree, which is to be published in the Official journal of the Republic of Togo.

Done in Lomé, on July 11, 2012

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The President of the Republic

The Prime Minister

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For amplification

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