

**Question for written answer E-000061/2024  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Participation of the EU at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in February 2024

The EU legislative framework for tobacco control is in an ongoing process of revision and all of the Member States, as well as the European institutions, work together to ensure a balanced, smart and effective set of regulations which mirrors the democratic consensus within the EU.

The 10th Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP 10) will see the Member States represented by the Commission. The Commission should respect the fact that the resolutions taken at COP 10 will have a crucial impact on the future of the legislative framework for tobacco control. The EU legislative body, namely the Council, should therefore be taken into account and consulted during the negotiations.

Furthermore, Parliament should be continuously informed about the process.

1. How will the Commission ensure that the Council's position is heard and respected during in-person negotiations at COP 10?
2. How exactly is the term 'refinement', as used by the Commission, defined and who is in charge of deciding what refinement of the mandate means and what substantive change this entails?
3. How will the Commission ensure that Parliament is informed in a comprehensive and timely manner about the EU position and the proceedings at COP 10 during the negotiations themselves?

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