



Smoking

- 1 The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) accepts the medical and scientific evidence that smoking is harmful to human health and that the nicotine contained in tobacco is addictive. Further, the IFEH accepts that passive smoking, which is air polluted by the exhalations of other smokers, is also harmful to health.
- 2 The IFEH calls on its members to:
 - a) invite their governments to endorse the view expressed in 1 above;
 - b) take steps to support everyone's right to breathe smoke-free air;
 - c) ensure that their respective organisations endorse the views expressed in 1 above; and
 - d) support campaigns designed to provide smoke-free public places.
- 3 The IFEH supports the abolition of governmental subsidies for tobacco growing. Where this might cause rural poverty, Governments must take appropriate mitigating action.
- 4 The IFEH promotes non-smoking and deplores activities which encourage young people to take up smoking.
- 5 The IFEH recognises the rights of individuals to smoke in private but not the right to inflict tobacco smoke on others.
- 6 The IFEH itself hereby adopts a policy of not permitting smoking by members, officers or observers at any of its meetings or official functions.

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