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Ingredients in tobacco products

- *Information from the Danish delegation*
(Other business item)
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Delegations will find in the Annex a note from the DK delegation on the above-mentioned subject.

Ingredients in tobacco products
Information note from the Danish delegation

An Impact Assessment on the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive started in January 2009 and is expected to finish in November 2010. The Commission is expected shortly thereafter and at the latest in the first half of 2011 to present its proposal for a revised Tobacco Products Directive.

Pursuant to Article 13 of the existing Directive (2001/37), Member States may maintain or introduce more stringent rules concerning the manufacture, import, sale and consumption of tobacco products which they deem necessary in order to protect public health as long as the rules comply with the EC Treaty. Such rules may include measures concerning tobacco ingredients and new products such as cigarettes with candy flavourings.

However, in order to ensure the highest level of protection of public health and to protect in particular children and young people and curb smoking, measures on tobacco ingredients and candy cigarettes should be taken at European level by way of revision of the Directive at EU level. Thus, Denmark would welcome a commitment by the Commission to consider as an integral part of the revision the feasibility of including the following points in the upcoming proposal for a revised Directive:

(1) A tobacco manufacture- financed mechanism to provide for independent research on the toxicity and addictiveness of tobacco ingredients

The establishment of a mechanism to finance through obligatory contributions from the tobacco manufacturers independent research on tobacco ingredients would increase scientific knowledge concerning the toxicity and addictiveness of tobacco ingredients and thus provide an improved basis for future regulation of tobacco ingredients.

(2) A common European list of tobacco ingredients

The introduction of a common European list with a view to banning tobacco ingredients presumed to increase the effect of the addictive properties of tobacco products in order to supplement other measures at European and national level aimed at reducing smoking especially by young people.

(3) New tobacco products such as cigarettes with candy flavourings

The introduction of measures with a view to regulating new tobacco products such as cigarettes with candy flavourings appealing specifically to children and young people and inducing them to start smoking. Measures should include limitations on the allowed maximum amount of sugar and vanilla to be added to tobacco products.

