**Motion to Adopt the Position Paper Titled: “Canadian Medical Students Updating Position on Tobacco** – **Tobacco Industry Interference in the Development of Governmental Policies through Front Groups & Plain and Standardized Packaging of Tobacco”**

**WHEREAS** associations and other groups representing pro-tobacco positions or profiting of tobacco production, transformation, or sale are not obliged to divulge the origin of their funds, goals, and agendas;

**WHEREAS** the tobacco industry uses front groups as means to influence Canadian politicians to support positions favorable to its interests;

**WHEREAS** Canada has committed itself to set and implement public health policies with respect to tobacco control, so as to act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law as a signatory of the WHO’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

**WHEREAS** the pandemic of tobacco is caused by an industry that puts forth its profits before the importance to life of others, and who uses all possible means to render its products more attractive and less dangerous in appearance;

**WHEREAS** packaging is one of the most powerful advertisement and promotional tools for the tobacco industry;

**WHEREAS** the federal strategy against tobacco which had been emplaced for 2012-2017 must be renewed in March 2017 and the standardization of packaging must be one of the first measured deployed for the amelioration of the strategy, which must set audacious goals in terms of tobacco-use reduction;

**WHEREAS** in conformity to the recommendation of the World Health Organization, Australia, France, UK and Ireland and four other countries have adopted laws introducing plain and standardized packaging of tobacco products, a measure similarly being considered by many other governments;

**WHEREAS** the Liberal Party of Canada, led by Justin Trudeau, promised in 2015 to implement plain packaging requirements, similar to those required in Australian and United Kingdom, for tobacco products;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CFMS adopts the position paper titled “Canadian Medical Students Updating Position on Tobacco – Tobacco Industry’s Interference in the Development of Governmental Policies through Front Groups & Plain and Standardized Packaging of Tobacco.”

**Financial cost:** none
**Level of effort:** none
**Time to be invested:** none
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