

TCRG COP 10 MONITORING BRIEF:

Covering the period to Saturday February 10th 2024

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1. KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Some articles targeting the GATC
- Brazilian delegate activities

2. KEY ORGANISATIONS

- **Taxpayers Protection Alliance** (TPA) 'Good COP' coverage continues on the [Regulator Watch](#) website and [YouTube channel](#) (55 views of Day 5 of the conference). Day 5 speakers included [Riccardo Polosa](#) of the [Center of Excellence for the Acceleration of Harm Reduction](#); David Williams and [Martin Cullip](#) of the [Taxpayers Protection Alliance](#); and Maria Papaioannoy.
- **COPWATCH** continues its coverage. They quote extensively from the GATC bulletin, including a reproduction of GATC's assessment of the week.

3. MAIN MEDIA

- [La Estrella de Panamá](#) has republished an article (published yesterday in the Salvadoran outlet *El Independiente*), criticising the COP for lack of transparency and restricting press access (in Spanish).
- [Chris Snowdon](#) of the UK thinktank [Institute of Economic Affairs](#) (IEA) has published [an article](#) in *The Critic* criticising the COP for lack of transparency, supporting St Kitts and Nevis' attempt to set up a working group on harm reduction, and arguing that Panama's implementation of FCTC provisions has only led to increased illicit trade.
- [Tobacco Reporter](#) has published a positive article about Russia's track-and-trace system Chestny ZNAK.
- The [Manila Bulletin](#) has published an article which extensively quotes criticism of the WHO stance on newer products by [Martin Cullip](#) of the [Taxpayers Protection Alliance](#) (TPA), Clive Bates and Konstantinos Farsalinos.
- The British journalist Nick Powell has published [an article](#) critical of the COP in EU Reporter. The piece quotes [Martin Cullip](#) of the [TPA](#), Mark Oates of [We Vape](#), [Chris Snowdon](#) of the [IEA](#), Tim Andrews of [Americans for Tax Reform](#) and Kurt Yeo of Vaping Saved My Life – all of whom were speakers at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance parallel event, though the article does not mention this. It also refers to a source who states that the EU delegation is agreeing to proposals that go beyond its mandate.
- The [Manila Standard](#) has published an article critical of the GATC and the Dirty Ashtray award in particular. It also praises the Philippines for its "comprehensive and risk-proportionate vape regulations".

4. COUNTRIES & PARTIES

Brazil

- Interactions between a parliamentary committee of pro-industry legislators, industry associations and the Brazilian delegation have been ongoing. On Thursday night representatives from industry associations, including from the Interstate Tobacco Industry Union (SindiTabaco), met with the delegation to lay out the industry's "environmental commitment" ([Folha do Mate](#), in Portuguese).
- Another industry-friendly publication states that industry representatives forced an admission from the Brazilian delegation that it had brought up points of discussion at the COP which might have a negative impact on the sector – such as the proposal on cigarette filters ([GAZ](#), in Portuguese).

Colombia

- The Colombian Congressman Victor Manuel Salcedo has been in Panama this week to attend the 2nd Latin American Forum on Nicotine and Risk Reduction, organised by La Razón Autonomía y Derecho A.C. (RAUDER). Some of those who participated were also at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance event. ([NotiPress](#), in Spanish; [Panamá 24 Horas](#), in Spanish).

5. GENERAL RESOURCES

- *TobaccoTactics* COP 10/MOP 3 page: <https://tobaccotactics.org/article/cop10-mop3-interference/>
- STOP brief showing how the tobacco industry has exploited tobacco harm reduction to influence policy discussions, including at COP: <https://exposetobacco.org/wp-content/uploads/tobacco-harm-reduction-cop10.pdf>
- GGTC page on COP 10 and industry interference: <https://ggtc.world/library/countering-tobacco-industry-interference-at-cop10>

GZH - [No Panamá, COP do tabaco entra na reta final de discussões sobre combate ao tabagismo](#)

Notícias Agrícolas - [Santa Catarina representada na Conferência Internacional sobre controle do tabaco no Panamá](#). The same piece was republished in English on [Tridge](#).

True North - [Health Canada floated ban on smoking in private homes ahead of WHO tobacco summit](#)

Media Talk Africa - [Challenges of FCTC Implementation in Addressing Tobacco Harm in Africa](#)

Media Talk Africa - [The Impact of Taxation on Illicit Trade: Key Discussions at Africa's COP10](#)

O Jornal Económico - [Tabaqueiras nacionais preocupadas com conclusões de reunião sobre controlo do tabagismo \(sapo.pt\)](#)

Tobacco Reporter - [Past WHO Officials Highlight Harm Reduction Strategy](#)

The AZB - [Tobacco control efforts failing millions](#).

Pro Pakistani - [WHO's Policy of Banning Smoking Substitutes is Misleading and Harmful](#)

Panamá 24 Horas - [COP10 – MOP3: Alianza Contra el Comercio Ilícito de Panamá llama a la acción frente al auge del contrabando de cigarrillos](#)

El Caribe - [Exclusiones e imposiciones de la COP10 de la OMS perjudican transparencia y libertad de expresión](#)

Eventos 507 - [Advierten que exclusiones e imposiciones de la COP10 de la OMS generan desinformación y falta de transparencia](#)

El Independiente - [Barrera a la transparencia y participación equitativa: Restricciones de acceso a la prensa en la COP10 y MOP3 en Panamá](#)

La Razón - [Exdirectivos de la OMS y autores del Convenio Marco del Control del Tabaco critican el rechazo del organismo a las alternativas libres de humo](#)

Diario de Centro América - [Panamá, puerta de entrada del contrabando](#)

El Capital Financiero - [Salud y DD.HH: La delicada balanza que enfrenta Panamá en la reducción del riesgo de Tabaco](#)

Globo Rural [Indústria e produtores de tabaco temem decisões na COP 10](#)

La Nación [Con diferendos culmina en Panamá conferencia mundial sobre control del tabaco](#)

Yahoo [Desacuerdos en la medición de tóxicos traban conferencia mundial de control de tabaco](#)

El Destape [Termina la conferencia internacional de la lucha contra el tabaco en Panamá sin lograr acuerdos](#)

Ola Jornal [COP10 chega ao último dia com expectativa pela atualização do tratado de controle do tabaco](#)

The Critic [The reality of tobacco control](#)