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Question 1 - scope

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Extend the scope of the Directive	We propose to broaden the scope of the Directive with regard electronic and herbal cigarettes, imposing restrictions on the advertisement, sponsorship and smoking of these products.	

Question 2 – smokeless tobacco

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Ban on all types of smokeless tobacco products	We propose to broaden the scope of the Directive with regard electronic and herbal cigarettes, imposing restrictions on the advertisement, sponsorship and smoking of these products.	

Question 3 – consumer info

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Improve consumer information	Picture warnings to become mandatory; Tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide levels to be replaced with general information on harmful substances in tobacco products; Information on harmful substances in tobacco products that cannot be placed on the package would be placed inside the package;	We propose to define mandatory combined warning on all types of tobacco products, not only on the cigarettes and water pipes. We propose to place on

		Health warnings to be put on water pipes	package the information about the web page where it is possible to get help to quit smoking.
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Question 4 – reporting

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Establish a common compulsory reporting format	We propose to establish EMTOC (electronic model tobacco control) system	

Question 5 – ingredients

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Establish a common list of tobacco ingredients	Establish a positive common list of tobacco ingredients	

Question 6 – access to tobacco products

Problem definition	Which option	Recommend option	Additional option
Yes	Ban	Cross-border retail sales of tobacco to be banned over the Internet; Vending machines to be banned; Promotion and displays in retail stores to be banned	