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**Smoking in United Nations Buildings and Public Health**

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**The World Federation of Public Health Associations,**

Noting the substantial and rapidly accumulating evidence of the health consequences of passive smoking;

Noting the legal decisions in some of its member countries regarding the liability of companies and landlords for health problems incurred by employees and visitors or patrons due to involuntary passive smoking;

Noting the recent statement by the Director-General of the World Health Organization that "any buildings or premises used by the health professions should be protected from tobacco sale and consumption;"

Recognizing the WHO estimate that during the 1990s three million people will die each year as a direct result of smoking-related illnesses;

REQUESTS the Director-General to urge the Secretary-General of the United Nations to adopt smoke-free workplaces, and thereby set an international standard of proper practice for all member nations.