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ENSP Athens 2009 Declaration

The ENSP confirmed once again from several eminent tobacco control experts at its meeting in Athens that bans which are less than total with numerous exceptions fail to protect the health of citizens or change smoking behaviour.

It also heard scientific proof that total smoke-free laws improve health by preventing heart attacks, improving respiratory health and preventing cancer. It confirmed that ventilation cannot be an effective solution.

The health benefits, environmental protection and provision of clean air provide safety and health at work and help to reduce inequalities in society.

The ENSP calls on all European countries to give priority to tobacco control and fulfil their obligations to honour the WHO health treaty Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and EU recommendations by introducing fully comprehensive smoke-free laws.

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