



Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc.
Serving The Flue-Cured Tobacco Warehouse Industry

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Mr. Neil Gallagher
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Dear Mr. Gallagher:

It is my understanding that the draft global Plan of Action for the United Nation's Conference on Nutrition includes a statement to ban tobacco and tobacco advertising in public places. The Bright Belt Warehouse Association, representing the U.S. flue-cured tobacco auction warehouse operators, is strongly opposed to this statement.

A recommendation on tobacco and a people's choice to use tobacco products is out of place in a conference on nutrition. The U.S. is suppose to be promoting personal freedoms, not the dictatorial practices of a few zealots who have no facts to show that banning advertising has any significant impact on smoking rates.

We urge you to delete this statement from the document.

Sincerely,

Mac L. Dunkley
Managing Director