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Subject: Trade in tobacco products

In 2003, the World Health Assembly adopted the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which seeks to achieve a global and comprehensive reduction in the number of illnesses and deaths due to smoking. The EU endorsed the conclusion of the FCTC under Council Decision 2004/513/EC of 2 June 2004 and subsequently concluded multiannual cooperation agreements with four main producers: Philip Morris International (2004), Japan Tobacco (2007), British American Tobacco (2010) and Imperial Tobacco Limited (2010), requiring them to pay a collective total of \$2 150 000 000 to the EU and signatory Member States to support measures designed to combat smuggling and counterfeiting.

Can the Council indicate how the funds received under these agreements are being used by the Member States ?

What progress has been made by the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?