

“YEAR OF STAYING RESOLUTELY ON COURSE”

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FROM: Permanent Secretary,
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TO: All Permanent Secretaries,
Heads of Departments and
Regional Executive Officers

SUBJECT:

World health Day – April 7, 1988

DATE: 5th April, 1988

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that Thursday April 7, 1988 will be observed as World Health Day, and has also designated that day as the "World First No Tobacco Day", a date, appropriately enough, that marks its fortieth anniversary.

2. The theme for the day is "*TOBACCO OR HELATH: CHOOSE HEALTH*"
3. Throughout the world, at least 2.5 million persons die prematurely fro tobacco-related diseases annually. In developing countries, cigarettes are linked to at least 85 per cent of all deaths from lung cancer, 75 per cent from bronchitis and emphysema, and 25 per cent from heart diseases.
4. I shall be grateful if your agency can prepare suitable banners, posters, etc., to promote an awareness of the dangers of smoking, and also to solicit active participation in this event.
5. Your co-operation, I am sure, will be most rewarding.

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