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HEALIS Sekhsaria Institute of Public Health, an anti-tobacco advocacy group, launched a protest against the upcoming four-day industrial Global Tobacco Networking Forum (GTNF) summit, which is scheduled to be held between October 4 and October 9 at Bangalore's ITC Royal Gardenia, saying that the event is in violation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), to which India is a signatory. A release issued by Dr P C Gupta, Director of Healix Sekhsaria Institute of Public Health, states that, "India is

party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The fact that the Tobacco Board of India is supporting this event shows that they are putting the Indian government in a compromising situation. The FCTC has stringent restrictions to protect people from exposure to smoking and consumption of other tobacco products."