

Tobacco : Economy or Health

View point from

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“There are those who may argue from the economic standpoint that tobacco is one of the factors that can generate revenue.

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However, from another perspective, others found as a matter of fact that smoking brings with it grave dangers that pose a threat to health, and indeed life itself.

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Economically, there may be many alternatives available, but where health and life are concerned, do we have any alternative?

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The answer is clearly no. There are no alternatives as far as health and life are concerned, because health and life are all that we have.

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Therefore, the issue before us is really quite obvious, whether we want to survive with smoking from the economic viewpoint, which has many alternatives,

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or do we choose one that totally
has no alternative that is to
safeguard health and save lives? ”

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