



Thank you, Chair,

Today, people living with HIV are living longer and healthier lives. Yet many are also living with noncommunicable diseases, mental health conditions and other comorbidities. The HIV response can no longer be built around a single disease. To sustain progress and end AIDS as a public health threat, health systems must address the full range of health needs people experience throughout their lives.

We welcome the recognition in the current draft Political Declaration of noncommunicable diseases, mental health, multimorbidity and integrated service delivery. At a time of evolving global health architecture and increasing fiscal constraints, this is critical. Integration is not only a health imperative but a practical necessity. Integrated approaches can improve outcomes, strengthen health systems and make more effective use of limited resources. The future of the HIV response depends on integrated, people-centred systems that address HIV, NCDs and mental health together.

At the same time, we regret that the current text does not reaffirm the measurable integrated care commitment agreed by Member States in the 2021 Political Declaration. In 2021, Member States committed to ensuring that 90 per cent of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV received integrated services that address HIV, noncommunicable diseases, mental health and broader health and wellbeing needs. The challenge now is not recognising the importance of integrated care, but ensuring accountability for delivering it.

NCD Alliance stands ready to work with Member States, UN partners, civil society and communities to advance integrated HIV, NCD and mental health services and support health systems that meet the full range of people's health needs.

Thank you.