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Joint Statement by Cary Adams, speaking on behalf of The Union for International Cancer Control, International Diabetes Federation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, , and the World Heart Federation, which together form the NCD Alliance

Chair, Honorable Ministers, Director-General, esteemed delegates, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement. I speak on behalf of the NCD Alliance, a network of over 2,000 civil society organisations from 170 countries, united by our vision for a future free from preventable suffering and death caused by non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

We would first like to commend the leadership of Member States and WHO in fulfilling the commitments made in the 2011 UN Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of NCDs. Significant progress has been made in defining the pillars of a robust global NCD architecture. With agreement of the first set of global NCD targets, we have reached consensus on a vision for what we want to achieve. We now must focus on defining the roadmap for achieving that vision through the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, and the means and mechanisms required to coordinate global action.

Today we call on Member States and WHO to consider five priorities for the Global NCD Action Plan:

One: Leadership. Achieving the vision of the plan will depend on the leadership and technical expertise of WHO, the collective assets of the entire UN system, and sustained action by Member States at country level.

Two: Resources. The plan is an opportunity to ensure adequate, predictable, and sustained financial resources for NCDs. It must be fully costed to mobilise new resources and guide current financing channels.

Three: Synergy. The plan should be coherent with other relevant global plans and integrated into the broader health and development agenda.

Four: Engagement. To truly make this next Global NCD Action Plan multisectoral and a guiding instrument for all, actions for international partners need to be strengthened and more explicitly articulated. Civil society in particular has a significant role to play in the delivery of the plan.

Five: Accountability. To ensure commitments are honoured and progress is tracked, accountability must be central to the plan. Each objective should have targets and indicators to measure progress, and biennial reporting cycles to both the World Health Assembly and the UN General Assembly is essential.

Please be assured that the NCD Alliance stands ready to support Member States and WHO in the development and implementation of the Global NCD Action Plan. Thank you.