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Statement: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

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Honourable Chair, distinguished delegates,

The COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to set back progress towards cervical cancer elimination, with delays in vaccination, screening, and treatment costing women their lives. UICC and Movendi International, supported by NCD Alliance, call on Member States to:

- Include cervical cancer as part of an integrated package of essential services in pandemic response and recovery plans, with the ambition of improving vaccination, screening, and treatment coverage to put countries back on track to achieve the 90-70-90 targets.
- Recognise and support the work of CSOs and cancer patients in the elimination ambition.
- Work to reduce stigma associated with HPV and cervical cancer to promote uptake of services.
- Invest in data collection to track screening and outcomes; link women to treatment; and capture treatment outcomes.
- Include cervical cancer elimination into national cancer control plans and UHC with adequate financing for scale-up and sustainability.

Reference document: EB150/7 https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB150/B150_7-en.pdf