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Individual Statement:

Agenda Item 22. Climate change, pollution and health

Climate change and health

NCD Alliance urges Member States to recognise the climate crisis as a health crisis, significantly impacting on the incidence and outcomes of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health conditions, and to adopt the draft decision calling for reductions in fossil fuel use as the most significant driver of climate change and air pollution. 6.7 million people die annually because of air pollution, adding to the already devastating burden of mortality attributable to climate change.

We encourage Member States to support the development of a WHO Global Plan of Action on Climate Change and Health, upholding actions contributing to better human and planetary health, including around renewable energy, better access to vegetables and fruits and active transportation, and climate-resilient food systems.

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