



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 March 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 12 March 2018, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy, and H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations in preparation for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

The letter transmits the revised draft resolution that will form the basis of discussions during the third informal consultations on Monday, 26 March 2018.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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Permanent Mission of Uruguay
to the United Nations

22 March 2018

Excellency

As announced at the second informal consultation in preparation of the comprehensive review in 2018 of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases as contained in document 68/300 which was held on 14 March 2018, we are pleased to convene the third informal consultation on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 15:00 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Interpretation services are not expected for this meeting.

Following the previous two meetings and the expert level meeting, please find attached the revised draft resolution.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Italy to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Uruguay to the United Nations

H.E. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly

ZERO DRAFT resolution

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases

COMPILATION - UPDATED 21 MARCH 2018

The General Assembly,

PP1 *Recalling* the General Assembly resolution A/RES/66/2 containing the “Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases”;

PP2 *Also recalling* General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/300 by which it decided to hold a comprehensive review, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, **(technical update from A/RES/68/271 on modalities NCDs)**

[G77 PROPOSE new para; EU RESERVE; SWI more info:

PP2BIS: *Recalling* the WHA Resolution 66.10 which endorses the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases 2013-2020]

PP3 *Welcoming* the WHO Global Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases, held in Montevideo in October 2017 [EU ADD: *as a part of the preparatory process for the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly/ US ALT: which gathered Member States and a variety of non-State actors to focus on reducing NCDs*] and *recalling* [EU ADD: *its outcome,/ US ALT and DELETE: the aspirations articulated in Montevideo to make NCDs a Sustainable Development priority* the “Montevideo Roadmap 2018-2030 on non-communicable diseases as a sustainable development priority”,](Source: update, new para) [G77 SUPPORT EU]

PP4 *Recognizing* that through the adoption of the Agenda 2030 [US REPLACE; G77, EU ok: ~~and its Sustainable Development Goals, for Sustainable Development~~] in September 2015, Heads of States and Heads of Government made a bold commitment to reduce by 2030 by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well being, **(based on PP3 on TB modalities resolution)**

[G77 PROPOSE new para; EU RESERVE; SWI more info:

PP4BIS *Recognizing* that through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Heads of State and Government made a [EU REPLACE: ~~commitment~~ express the willingness] to support research and development of vaccines and medicines, as well as preventive measures and treatments for communicable and noncommunicable diseases, in particular those that disproportionately impact developing countries]

PP5 [US DELETE para: *Taking note of the Secretary General's 2018 report on the Progress on the prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases;* [†] ~~(update, based on PP4 from A/RES/68/271 on modalities NCDs)~~] [EU RESERVE DELETION]

[G77 PROPOSE new para; EU RESERVE:

PP5BIS *Taking note of the WHO Director-General's Report entitled "Preparation of the High Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases"*]

PP6 *Mindful* of the need to maintain strong national, regional and international political commitment towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, (PP3 A/RES/68/271 on modalities NCDs)

1. *Decides* [DGACM recommend ALT: ~~that the to hold/convene a~~] one day high-level meeting to undertake the comprehensive review [DGACM recommend ALT: ~~and assessment on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, to be~~] convened by the President of the General Assembly [DGACM recommend: ~~shall be held~~] in New York [G77, EU, SW, CANZ, RUS DELETE brackets as support date: ~~f~~ on the third day of the general debate of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session ~~f~~], from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6:00 p.m., consisting of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment; **(based on OP1 of TB modalities resolution)**
2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be [G77 PROPOSE ALT; SWI SUPPORT; RUS SUPPORT a shorter title; JPN ask more info; EU ask for source: *"Taking stock of progress in implementing the commitments adopted in resolutions A/RES/66/2 and A/RES/68/300 on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and scaling up multi-stakeholder and national multisectoral responses to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"* **"Scaling up multistakeholder and multisectoral responses to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"**]; (OP4 A/RES/68/271 on modalities NCDs)
3. *Further decides* that:
 - a. The opening segment held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, [G77 ADD: **and an eminent champion or person in the fight against NCDs**]; **(based on OP2 of TB modalities resolution)**
 - b. The plenary segment held from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. will hear statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes

for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States; **(based on OP2 of TB modalities resolution)**

4. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

- a. Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary, one from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- b. The multi-stakeholder panels will address two themes²:

1: Strengthening health systems and financing for the prevention and control of NCDs, on each country's path towards achieving UHC, including through sharing evidence-based best practices, scientific knowledge and lessons learned

2: Opportunities and challenges in engaging governments, civil society, and the private sector at the global, regional, and national levels to promote multisectoral partnerships for the prevention and control of NCDs, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles

- c. Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with the regional groups; **(based on OP3 of TB modalities resolution)**
- d. The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant UN entities, civil society, private sector, **[G77 ADD; EU SUPPORT: philanthropic foundations,]** academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership, and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation; **(based on OP3 of TB modalities resolution)**

5. *Decides* that the closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise of summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly; **(based on OP5 of TB modalities resolution)**

6. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented outcome document which builds on the opportunities and challenges on the implementation of previous commitments, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the General Assembly; **(OP6 of TB modalities resolution)**

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, to organize and preside over an interactive civil society hearing, before the end of July 2018, with active participation of appropriate senior level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly; parliamentarians, local government representatives, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; invited civil society organizations; **[G77 ADD; EU SUPPORT: philanthropic foundations,]** academia, **medical associations**; and the private sector, broader communities and ensuring the participation and voices of women, **[US REPLACE: girls children]** and indigenous leadership, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting; **(based on OP7 of TB modalities resolution)**

8. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest level possible; **(OP8 of TB modalities resolution)**

9. *Invites* all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level; **(OP9 of TB modalities resolution)**

10. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies including the World Health Organization, regional commissions, relevant Envoys of the Secretary-General, **[G77 ADD: as well as, the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control on Noncommunicable diseases]** to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing **[US ADD: evidence]** good practices, challenges and lessons learnt from NCDs-related responses; **(based on OP10 of TB modalities resolution)**

11. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high level meeting **(OP12 A/RES/65/238 on NCDs modalities);**

12. *Also invites* non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the ECOSOC **[NGO/DESA flags; US DELETE; CANZ, SWI SUPPORT; RUS, EU to revert; G77 prefer keep: ~~with relevant expertise~~]** to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting; **(OP11 of TB modalities resolution)**

13. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level meeting and

participate in the interactive civil society hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;³ **(based on OP12 of TB modalities resolution)**

14. *Encourages* Member States to consider, including in their national delegation representatives, such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia; philanthropic foundations; the private sector, with due regard to gender equity; **(based on OP14 of TB modalities resolution and OP11 of 68/271)**
15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting. **(based on OP15 of TB modalities resolution)**