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**AGENDA ITEM 7.12-C: Plan of Action for the Prevention and Control of NCDs: Midterm Review. PAHO Directing Council Meeting, 26-30 September, Washington D.C**

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We congratulate PAHO on the progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Prevention and Control of NCDs. The inclusion of NCDs in the Agenda 2030 highlights the threat NCDs pose to sustainable development. We call on Member States to:

- 1. Develop and implement national NCD targets:** Only 47% of countries in the Americas have operational multisectoral NCD plans. We urge you to honour commitments made at the 2014 UN Review on NCDs and address this gap.
- 2. Integrate NCD prevention and control into existing programmes:** Care for NCDs can be integrated into existing responses to other diseases, including HIV and tuberculosis, and there are also opportunities through the reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health continuum.
- 3. Accelerate progress on NCD prevention:** Progress in prevention is slow or uneven. We commend the action by the region to address poor nutrition, tobacco, and harmful use of alcohol, and call for accelerated action at country level.
- 4. Increase adequate and sustained domestic and international resources** to NCDs and to strengthen health systems. Larger budgetary allocations from domestic, bilateral, regional and multilateral channels for NCDs are needed. One method to build domestic resources is through taxation of tobacco, alcohol, sugary drinks and other harmful products.
- 5. Advance a multistakeholder approach:** NCDs can only be adequately addressed through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. A health in all policies approach, incorporating trade, taxation, agriculture, education, environment and transport is crucial, as is participation by civil society. We are committed to strengthening the capacity working in the region, and with the forthcoming 2017 Global NCD Forum in Sharjah, UAE.

The inclusion of NCDs in the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030 highlights not only the scale of this issue, but the opportunity we have to address NCDs within sustainable development. Thank you.

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