

**Statement of the Union for International Cancer Control at the 138th WHO Executive Board
Agenda Item 7.2: Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control and the NCD Alliance.

The 2030 Agenda affirms the central role of health to sustainable human development. We applaud Member States for adopting an ambitious and integrated agenda that includes a health goal and three NCD-related targets. Translating these global commitments into sustained action for health and NCDs will require immediate action in the areas of governance, resources, and more integrated programming.

The NCD Alliance therefore encourages Member States to leverage the new Agenda 2030 for NCDs and health by:

- 1. Prioritising NCDs in regional and national development plans.** Achieving SDG 3, including the NCD targets, requires prioritizing NCDs in national plans. Achieving universal health coverage must be fully inclusive of NCD needs. Given interlinkages with development issues, NCDs must feature prominently in broader development planning.
- 2. Ensuring adequate and sustained domestic resources for NCDs.** In implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, governments must strengthen efforts to raise domestic resources for health and NCDs. Tobacco tax offers a win-win solution for increasing revenue while improving health outcomes. Development assistance for health remains an important source of catalytic funding, with further need to align ODA with recipient priorities. The GCM/NCD financing working group report offers strong recommendations for action.
- 3. Promoting synergies between NCDs and other health and development priorities.** 2016 will be an important year to integrate the NCD response with other health and sustainable development priorities. Opportunities include the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, the UNAIDS Strategy 2016-2021, follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition, and initiatives on health and environment.

Please accept our full support in implementing the goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda.

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