

**Statement by Union for International Cancer Control, on behalf of the NCD Alliance
134th WHO Executive Board: Agenda Item 7 - Noncommunicable diseases**

Madam Chairman, Honourable Ministers, Director-General, ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control and the NCD Alliance – a global civil society network working collectively to transform the fight against non-communicable diseases.

We commend Member States and WHO in fulfilling commitments made on NCDs, as outlined in EB report 134/14. We now have strong pillars of the global NCD architecture.

We encourage Member States to maintain this momentum and seize two significant opportunities this year:

First, we urge Member States to delay no further in establishing a robust Global Coordination Mechanism for NCDs. It must have a structure that incentivises commitments and actions by all, a small advisory body to act as the “engine” driving the GCM, and full participation of NGOs at all levels.

Secondly, we call on Member States to support a successful UN Review and Assessment on NCDs. Following the landmark 2011 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs, this Review is an opportunity to take stock on progress, re-commit to action, and promote NCDs as a priority in the post-2015 development agenda.

With the preparatory process underway, we call on Member States to support the following priorities for the modalities of the Review:

One: Ensure the Review is held over two days in September 2014, and at the highest political level;

Two: Bring the voice of the people to the Review by supporting a Civil Society Task Force and including NGOs in national delegations;

Three: Ensure the Review results in an action-oriented outcomes document that makes time-bound commitments, including agreement to hold consequent High-level Meetings on NCDs at the UN.

Please be assured that the NCD Alliance stands ready to support you in 2014.