

NCD Alliance Statement at the 136th WHO Executive Board

Agenda Item 7.1: Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

Statement by the Union for International Cancer Control, speaking on behalf of Alzheimer's Disease International, the Framework Convention Alliance, the International Diabetes Federation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Management Sciences for Health, the World Heart Federation, and 2,000 leading civil society organisations, who together form the NCD Alliance.

Chairperson, distinguished delegates, colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of the NCD Alliance, a network of 2,000 civil society organisations united against non-communicable diseases.

We welcome this session as an opportunity to provide comments on the post-2015 development agenda. Recommendations by the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals include a standalone goal for health, and a target to, *by 2030, reduce by one-third premature deaths from NCDs*. Recognizing the diverse priorities in this final stage of negotiations, the NCD Alliance encourages Member States to:

1. **Agree an ambitious, technically sound target for reducing NCD mortality.** We support the current NCD target, but recognise there is scope for increasing the level of ambition by raising the percentage in the target to higher than one-third. Also, additional technical clarity is required on language on mental and neurological disorders. The proposed technical proofing of the SDG framework provides an opportunity for refining the current target.
2. **Propose NCD and health-sensitive indicators across the SDG framework.** Building on the work already underway by WHO to develop core indicators for health, and taking into account the agreed WHO Global Monitoring Framework for NCDs, we encourage the promotion of health- and NCD-sensitive indicators across all dimensions of the post-2015 agenda.
3. **Support strong Means of Implementation (Moi) for health.** We urge Member States to promote the WHO Framework Convention for Tobacco Control, as well as sustainable health financing within the post-2015 agenda, and the parallel Third International Conference on Financing for Development this July. Adequate, predictable, and sustained resources for health are indispensable for the successful implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

Thank you for your attention, please accept our full support in agreeing a path for all people to achieve health and wellbeing by 2030.