

WHA 72 Agenda item 11.8 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues: Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

STATEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

The International Society of Nephrology, together with FDI World Dental Federation, Alzheimer's Disease International, supported by International Society Endocrinology, International Osteoporosis Foundation, International Alliance for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, European Federation of Neurological Associations, NCD Alliance, EASL International Liver Foundation, International Federation of Psoriasis Associations support the proposed Decision on follow-up on the commitments made in the Political Declaration on NCDs 2018.

We urge WHO & member states to tackle a significant blindspot in the scope proposed. Today's discourse focuses on 5 main disease groups. Yet, 55% of the global NCD burden arises from other NCDs, for which the current public health response doesn't meet the patient's needs.

The WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs stated "there are many other conditions of public health importance closely associated with the major NCDs. They include other NCDs, such as renal, endocrine, neurological, haematological, gastroenterological, hepatic, musculoskeletal, skin and oral diseases and genetic disorders".

Multi-morbidities, shared disease clusters & social determinants are creating big challenges to patient access to care & health systems still configured to treat individual diseases.

We call on Member States & WHO to:

- Address the large number of NCDs which are not currently included in their plans
- Strive for health systems that deliver people-centered, integrated, multisectoral & comprehensive services aimed at prevention, early detection & treatment of all NCDs and risk factors, *leaving no disease behind*
- Secure sustained human & financial resources to ensure a comprehensive NCD response
- Recognize importance of *all* NCDs by ensuring the meaningful involvement of the list of co-signatories to this statement to all consultation meetings regarding NCDs
- Ensure that *all* NCDs are included in the work done to prepare Member States for the 2019 HLM on UHC