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Dear Friends,

Proposed Outcomes Document for the UN High Level Summit on NCDs

On 13th May 2010, the United Nations General Assembly voted in favor of a Resolution calling for a UN High-Level Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) this September. The NCD Alliance* was heavily involved in advocating for the UN to hold such a High-Level Summit. The focus of our efforts is now to ensure that the High Level Summit is a successful one and we will campaign tirelessly in the coming months to achieve this.

The NCD Alliance represents the four major non-communicable diseases including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes. The Alliance comprises the International Diabetes Federation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, the Union for International Cancer Control, and the World Heart Federation. Together, the NCD Alliance represents more than 900 member organizations in 170 countries. Additionally, the NCD Alliance works with its partners around the globe including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Framework Convention Alliance, Global Health Council, LIVESTRONG, Norwegian Cancer Society, World Lung Foundation and over 250 NGOs in the Alliance Common Interest Group .

UN member states have committed to adopt **'a concise, action-oriented outcomes document'** at the close of the High-Level Summit. We believe that this document is the key to changing the course of the global epidemic of NCDs.

The NCD Alliance has worked together over the last five months to prepare a Proposed Outcomes Document which we believe would represent a successful High-Level Summit outcome. We attach it to this letter and would encourage you to read and circulate it to Heads of State or Government, Government Ministers, Senior UN Officials, and others involved in the UN High-Level Summit preparations.

The NCD Alliance has created this document drawing from expertise around the world. We have synthesized, prioritized and consolidated views in order to arrive at a set of targets which are concise and action-oriented and will benefit the millions of people who will be affected by NCDs in the next decade. **We view this document as the beginning of an important dialogue in the build up to the UN Summit.**

This UN High-Level Summit is a historic opportunity to address the global epidemic of NCDs, which collectively claim a staggering 35 million lives each year. The burden of NCDs touches people in all nations. This burden is not just a human one because death and disability from NCDs also poses a major threat to economic development.

We look forward to continuing to support global efforts to address the growing burden of NCDs.



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