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Item 7. Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The NCD crisis continues to threaten our progress towards the 2030 SDG Agenda for Sustainable Development. We therefore urge Member States to include the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of NCDs as part of UHC, and to strengthen health systems so that they have the capacity and sufficient numbers of health professionals to implement them.

We welcome the focus on the 5x5 NCD agenda, including prioritizing mental health. However, we call for adequate surveillance, prevention, and treatment of risk factors as well, in consultation with physicians and taking full account of the social determinants of health.

Finally, the economic return from NCD interventions must be reinvested into the health and care workforce, focusing on primary health care, to ensure continued progress towards achieving the 2025 and 2023 targets.

Thank you