



**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY STATEMENT
HIGH LEVEL MEETING 2017
27 September 2018**

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The International Society of Nephrology is grateful for the opportunity to attend this meeting today and provide its views on the Political Declaration of the third high level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

We welcome the acknowledgement by member states of the key importance of a multisectoral response to disease management and commitment to whole-of-society, health in all policies, equity based and life course approaches which strengthen access to essential medicines, vaccines and technologies.

We are however very concerned about the fact that the text discussed today is still lacking true ambition in proposing action-oriented, tangible targets. We particularly regret that member states have yet again missed a crucial opportunity to take targeted action on kidney disease as an integral part of the NCDs response.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Kidney disease – the 11th leading cause of death globally – is a silent epidemic which poses a significant health care challenge for governments, particularly in low and middle income countries. With over 850 million people world-wide affected (as a comparison roughly double the number of people who live with diabetes (422 million) and 20 times more than the prevalence of cancer worldwide (42 million) or people living with AIDS/HIV (36.7 million)), kidney disease is a key contributor to the global NCD burden as both a cause and consequence of other major NCDs. Hence it cannot be left behind by member states in the development and implementation of national health strategies.

We thus encourage member states to go beyond the Political Declaration and ensure that kidney disease is recognized as a high priority NCD which now requires urgent consideration by political leaders. As the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda progresses, ISN calls for an integrated approach to NCD prevention and management which leaves no disease behind.

Thank you!