



Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues

Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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STATEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

The International Society of Nephrology, supported by the NCD Alliance, European Federation of Neurological Associations, International Federation of Psoriasis Associations welcomes the WHO report and particularly its emphasis on promoting early detection of NCDs and its risk factors as part of a comprehensive approach to the prevention and control of NCDs.

We indeed urge WHO and member states to ensure a shift of the NCD discourse which currently primarily focuses on five main disease groups. Yet, 55% of the global NCD burden arises from other NCDs, for which the current public health response does not meet the patient's needs. Furthermore, multi-morbidities, shared disease clusters and social determinants are creating significant challenges for patient access to care and for health systems still configured to treat individual diseases.

The WHO Independent High-Level Commission on NCDs stated “there are many other conditions of public health importance that are 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”.

We call upon Member States and WHO to:

- Strive for health systems that deliver people-centered, integrated, multisectoral and comprehensive services aimed at prevention, early detection and treatment of *all* NCDs and their risk factors, *leaving no disease behind*
- Secure sustained human and financial resources to ensure the development of health systems equipped to deliver a comprehensive NCD response to multi-morbidities
- Recognize the importance of all NCDs by ensuring the meaningful involvement of the list of co-signatories to this statement to all consultation meetings regarding NCDs