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Follow-up to the Political Declaration of the Third High-Level Meeting on NCDs

List of Non-State Actors participating in the Statement

1. The International Society of Nephrology (lead)
2. The International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)
3. The International Council for Commonality in Blood Banking Automation (ICCBBA)
4. The International Diabetes Federation
5. The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
6. The World Hypertension League
7. The World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
8. The World Stroke Organization

Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

We speak on behalf of a constituency committed to advancing action on noncommunicable diseases, with a focus on circulatory health—cardiovascular diseases (including heart disease and stroke), diabetes, kidney disease, and chronic respiratory conditions. These are leading causes of NCD deaths and impose substantial health and economic burdens.

Despite shared, modifiable risk factors, these conditions remain underdiagnosed, undertreated, and underfunded, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Ahead of the 2025 High-Level Meeting, circulatory health must be prioritized in political and funding commitments.

We welcome the proposed WHO Resolution on [noncommunicable diseases through promotion of kidney health and strengthening prevention and control of kidney disease](#) and emphasize its

relevance to broader circulatory health. Cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and kidney disease are preventable and manageable through integrated, cost-effective interventions. Improving kidney health is a strategic entry point for strengthening the response to circulatory conditions and advancing SDG 3.4.

We urge Member States to:

- Integrate prevention and early detection of circulatory conditions into UHC primary care;
- Ensure equitable access to diagnostics, medicines, and health workforce training, through primary care¹, to improve care for multimorbidity and support, medication management;
- Strengthen information systems across the circulatory health spectrum;

We call on WHO to:

- Support integrated circulatory care using evidence-based
- Promote cross-sectoral coordination to address social and environmental determinants

¹ Primary care refers to care delivered by family doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals working in multidisciplinary teams.